Managing People

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Management Theory

- We review the various schools of thought that have impacted management of people and OB
- The various theories include:
 - Scientific mgt theory
 - Administrative theory
 - Human relations theory
 - Decision making theory
 - Contingency theory
 - Systems theory

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Scientific Mgt Theory

- The school of thought developed by F.W. Taylor emphasizes the efficient division of labour into small, specialized jobs that match with the capacities of workers.
- The main concern for Taylorism is the proper design of the job and the preparation of the worker.
- The manager:
 - Determines goals to be accomplished
 - Divides work in most efficient way,
 - Trains workers to do the job, and
 - Rewards them by wage incentives.
- Foremen are seen as the "brains" and workers as "a pair of hands". Workers are seen as one of the resources just like machines.

Administrative Theory

- Developed by Henri Fayol, the school of thought solved the problem of organizing large orgs and defining the role of managers.
- Managerial functions were defined as planning, organizing, controlling, and commanding. Pocco
- This theory advocated the study of management as a discipline that can be taught and be learned.
- Bureaucracy advanced by Max Weber contributed to the understanding of greater organizational efficiency.
- The administrative theory suggests that if managers properly designed the organization and followed the proven principles of management, the organization would succeed.

Human Relations

- Developed by Mayo and others while conducting studies at Hawthorne contributed the idea that worker output was affected by numerous variables such as:
 - how they were treated,
 - how they felt about their work, coworker and boss and
 - what happened to them outside work.
- The studies revealed that workers:
 - should be considered and regarded as more than "pair of hands";
 - had feelings and attitudes that affected productivity.
- Norms and rules of the work groups to which workers belonged profoundly affect productivity.
- An effective manager therefore, was expected to pay attention to people's social needs and elicit their ideas about work.

Decision Making Theory

- Developed by March and Simon, the school of thought <u>described organizations as social systems in</u> <u>which individual decisions are the basis of human</u> <u>behaviour</u>.
- Employees make decision:
 - to join an organization and also decide
 - whether or not to participate and work as hard as they can.
- The results of workers' decisions depend on
 - the workers' rational analysis of situation and
 - the rewards involved.
- Managers at this point in time had to take into account workers "minds".
- Effective managers <u>relied upon workers' rationality to</u> <u>make choices that would be best for both themselves</u> <u>and the org</u>

Contingency Theory gtbk

- Developed by Fred Luthans, the gist of the theory is that effectiveness varies according to a particular situation.
- Individuals, groups, cultural groups, industries, managing styles etc can all vary enormously.
- As long as the various aspects of org fit together, an org seems to work.
- The building blocks of orgs are referred to as the 7S's: strategy, structure, systems, style, skills and super ordinate goals.

Systems Theory

- Developed by Chester I Barnard, the systems theory maintains that <u>orgs and all subdivisions in</u> them take in resources and transform them into a service or product that is purchased or utilized by a larger system.
- The systems theory implies that org effectiveness is governed by three factors:
 - individuals in the organization,
 - the organization itself and
 - the environment in which an organization exists.
- The effective management of the interfaces between the three factors is central to organizational success.

Nature of Mgt.

- Definition: mgt is the process of working with and through people to achieve org objectives in a changing environment and central to mgt is the effective and efficient use of limited resources.
- There are five components to mgt:
- 1 Working with and through others this implies that mgt is a social process requiring social interactional skills.
- Poor managers are:
 - Insensitive to others
 - Cold and aloof
 - Ambitious
 - Guilty of over managing
 - Unable to plan properly
 - Unable to think strategically
 - Over dependent on full backs

Nature of Mgt.

- 2 Achieving organisational objectives implies achievement is through collective effort and not individually
- 3 Balancing effectiveness and efficiency
 - effectiveness entails achieving a stated objective;
 - efficiency entails balancing amount of resources used to achieve against what was actually achieved.
- 4 Making most of limited resources
 - resources are ever dwindling, and
 - stiff competition for scarce resources.
- 5 Coping with a changing environment factors such as
 - globalisation,
 - product quality,
 - environmentalism and
 - ethical reawakening

Managerial Facts of Life

The work of a manager:

- Long hours of work, busy, hectic pace
- Fragmented work, varied, mostly oral
- Lots of contacts
- Not reflective planners
- Information is the basic ingredient
- Don't know how they spend time

Facts of Life

Managers lose the right to:

- Lose temper,
- membership of a team,
- bring personal problems to work,
- to vent frustration or express an opinion,
- resist change,
- pass the buck on a tough assignment,
- get even with adversaries
- play favourites putting self-interest first,
- ask others to do what you would not do,
- expect to be recognised and rewarded

What It Takes

- To be successful as a manager it takes ability, motivation and opportunity
- S = A x M x O i.e. success is a function of all three factors, info
- The A factor is the <u>demonstrated capacity to</u> <u>achieve org objectives both effectively and</u> <u>efficiently</u>
- The package of skills and characteristics include:
 - Leadership, communication,
 - planning and organising, problem analysis,
 - decision making, delegation and control,
 - self objectivity and a disposition to lead.

What It Takes

- The M factor relates to possessing a burning desire leading to a strong motivation
- The dimensions of motivation include:
 - Positive attitude to those in authority
 - Competitive spirit, work related competition
 - Assertiveness
 - Exercise power over thers
 - Standing out from others
 - Strong sense of responsibility
- The O factor when an opportunity to act as a manager presents itself, demonstrate that you can do better than the incumbent, show your potential.

Learning to Manage

- In a US survey, most successful managers learnt how to manage as shown:
- ▶ 50% through School Of Hard Knocks (unpleasant experiences)
- Examples of hard knock experiences:

 - Making a big mistake
 Overstretched by an assignment
 - Feeling threatened
 - Being stuck in an impasse/dilemma
 - Suffering an injustice at work
 - Losing out to someone else
 - Being personally attacked
- 30% through Relationships with bosses, peers and mentors
- 20% through Formal Education

What Managers Do

- The work of a manager is highly fragmented and is mostly communicating
- Yet managers do have defined tasks to perform mgt functions (what to do)
 - Planning, Organising
 - Staffing, Motivating and Leading,
 - Controlling and Communicating.
- These functions are not observable; only managerial behaviour is observable – managerial roles (how to do)
 - Interpersonal figurehead, leader, liaison
 - Informational nerve centre, disseminator, spokesperson
 - Decisional entrepreneur, disturbance handler, resource allocator, negotiator

Mgt Functions Outcomes

- The mgt functions are tasks that managers undertake in their daily duties to achieve org objectives.
- ▶ The <u>main outcomes of mgt functions</u> include:
 - Objective achievement
 - Coordination of efforts
 - Integration f activities
 - Adaptation to environmental pressures

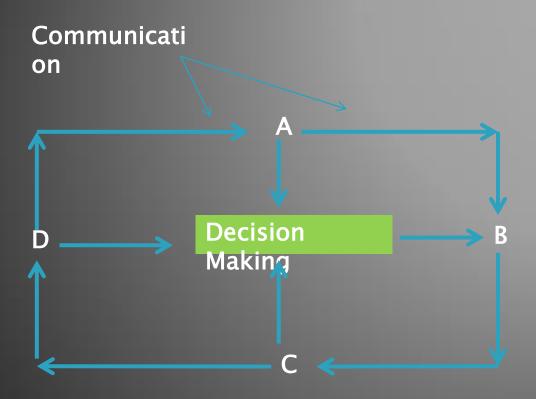
Mgt Functions Outcomes



Linking Processes

- There are two processes which link all mgt functions:
- Communication process for transmitting information from one point to the other
- Decision making process of deciding what action and course of action to take in a particular situation and communicating the decision for action
- Decision making is dependent on the quality and quantity and relevance of information

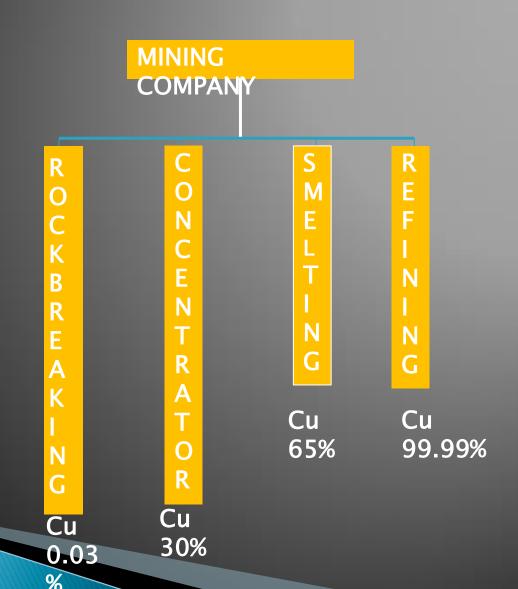
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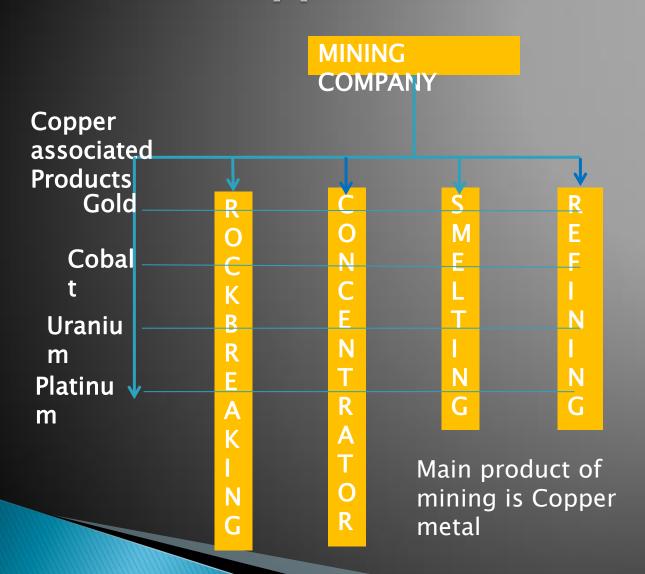
How Work Is Arranged

- <u>Horizontal arrangement</u> of work is essentially departmentation:
 - product or process or geographical location or by matrix
- Vertical arrangement is according to hierarchy of Authority:
 - Top mgt, middle mgt, frontline supervisors and operators

Product/Process Type



Matrix Type



Vertical Arrangement

Externally focused with survival and growth concerns

Top Manager s

Strategic planning level with a time horizon of 2-3 years

Internally focused, concerned with how much to achieve with given resources

Middle Managers Tactical planning level with time horizon of 1-6 moths

Concerned with <u>how</u> to achieve set targets

Frontline Supervisors Operational planning level with time horizon of 1 -4 weeks

Getting things done in given time limit

Operators, General Production & Maintenance Personnel

Action level with time horizon of 1 - 8 hrs.

Nature Of Work Motivation

- Study concerned with why people behave in certain ways
- In general, motivation is direction of persistent behaviour/action.
- It is concerned with why individuals continue with a chosen action over a long period and in face of difficulties

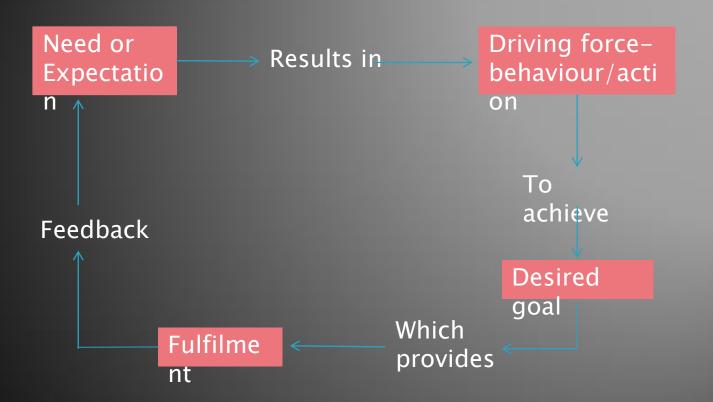
Work Motivation

- Four common characteristics underly motivation:
 - It is typified as an individual phenomenon
 - It is intentional
 - It is multifaceted: two of which are of concern-what gets people aroused and the force to engage in desired behaviour
 - Purpose of motivation theories is to predict behaviour.

Work Motivation

- Underlying concept of motivation is that there is some driving force within individuals to achieve some goal in order to fulfil some need or expectation.
- This gives rise to the basic motivational model shown as follows:

Basic Motivation Model



Behaviour at Work

- People's behaviour is determined by what motivates them
- Their performance is a product of both Ability and Motivation:
- Performance = f(Ability, Motivation)
- Work performance is a product of individual's ability and individual worker's level of motivation

Needs and Expectations

- Classified into those leading to:
 - <u>Extrinsic motivation</u> related to tangible rewards
 - Intrinsic motivation related to psychological rewards
- Broadly classified into those leading to:
 - <u>Economic rewards</u> having an instrumental orientation to work
 - Intrinsic satisfaction having a personal orientation to work
 - Social relationships having relational orientation to work and concerned with other people

Constituents of Needs



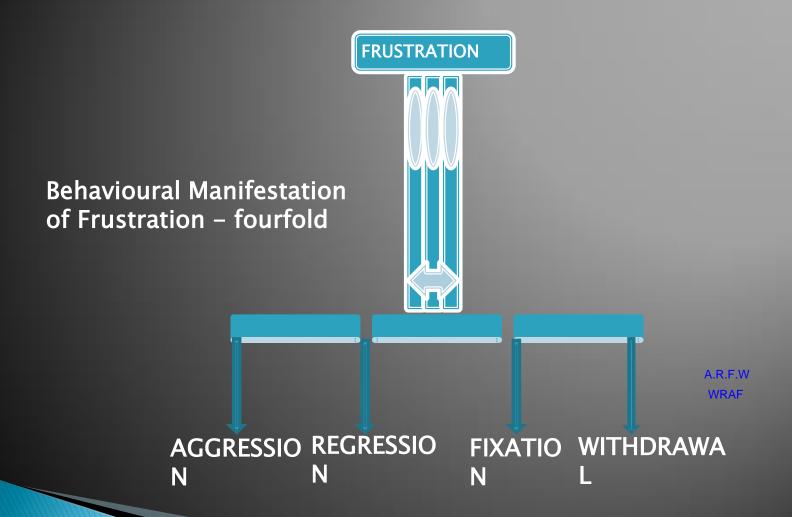
Blocked Motivation

- When an individual's motivation is blocked before reaching a desired goal, two possible outcomes arise:
 - Constructive behaviour aimed at removing blockage or going around the blockage – positive reaction
 - Frustration negative reaction
- Constructive behaviour is of two forms:
 - Problem solving(removal of barrier)
 - Restructuring (compromise, or substitution of an alternative goal)

Frustration

- It is an induced behaviour; a negative response to the blockage resulting in a defensive form of behaviour.
- There are many possible reactions to frustration caused by failure to achieve desired goals.
- They are broadly four categories as shown

Frustration



Manifestations

- Aggression physical or verbal attack on person or object.
 - Indirectly displaced aggression through picking quarrels, swearing, shouting etc (negative form)
 - Doing physical work or sport or shouting (positive form, constructive)
- Regression reverting to childish or more primitive form of behaviour e.g. sulking, crying
- Fixation persisting in a form of behaviour that has no adaptive value and doing things that have no constructive value
- Withdrawal giving up or resignation:
 - arriving late for work or leaving early,
 - sickness and absenteeism,
 - refusal to accept responsibility, avoiding decision-making,
 - passing work over to colleagues and
 - leaving the job altogether