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DOI URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.21474/JNBMS01/132>**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND ORGANIZATIONAL
COMPETITIVENESS****Nida Farooq, Bilal Ahmed and Sana Ilyas****Corresponding Author:** Nida Farooq**| ABSTRACT**

Knowledge has become one of the most valuable strategic resources for modern organizations. In an increasingly knowledge-driven economy, organizations that effectively acquire, create, share, and utilize knowledge are better positioned to improve innovation, operational efficiency, and long-term competitiveness. Knowledge Management (KM) integrates organizational processes, technology, leadership, and organizational culture to ensure that valuable knowledge is captured and transformed into strategic advantages. Effective KM practices support better decision-making, continuous learning, employee development, and organizational adaptability. This review paper explores the relationship between knowledge management practices and organizational competitiveness by examining knowledge creation, knowledge sharing, organizational learning, digital technologies, leadership, and innovation.

| KEYWORDS

Knowledge management, organizational competitiveness, organizational learning, innovation, business strategy, competitive advantage.

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Introduction:-

The modern business environment is characterized by rapid technological advancement, globalization, intense competition, and continuous organizational change. In this environment, tangible resources alone are no longer sufficient to sustain competitive advantage. Organizations increasingly recognize knowledge as a strategic asset that drives innovation, productivity, and long-term business success. Knowledge Management (KM) refers to the systematic process of creating, capturing, organizing, sharing, and applying knowledge to improve organizational performance. It enables organizations to preserve valuable

expertise, enhance collaboration, and support evidence-based decision-making. Organizational competitiveness refers to an organization's ability to achieve superior performance by efficiently utilizing resources, responding to market changes, and delivering value to customers. Effective knowledge management strengthens competitiveness by improving innovation, operational excellence, and employee capabilities. This review paper examines the importance of knowledge management practices in enhancing organizational competitiveness and discusses strategies for successful implementation.

Concept of Knowledge Management:-

Knowledge management is an integrated approach that enables organizations to manage both explicit and tacit knowledge effectively.

Its primary objectives include:-

- Improving organizational learning.
- Enhancing innovation.
- Supporting strategic decision-making.
- Preserving organizational knowledge.
- Increasing operational efficiency.
- Strengthening competitive advantage.

Knowledge management encourages continuous improvement across all organizational functions.

Components of Knowledge Management:-

Successful knowledge management consists of several interconnected activities.

Knowledge Creation:-

Organizations generate new knowledge through research, innovation, collaboration, and problem-solving.

Knowledge Storage:-

Digital databases, documentation systems, and organizational repositories preserve valuable information.

Knowledge Sharing:-

Employees exchange expertise through teamwork, mentoring, meetings, and collaborative platforms.

Knowledge Application:-

Organizations use knowledge to improve decision-making, innovation, customer service, and operational performance.

Knowledge Management and Organizational Competitiveness:-

Knowledge management contributes to organizational competitiveness in several important ways.

Better Decision-Making:-

Access to accurate information enables managers to make informed strategic decisions.

Innovation Enhancement:-

Knowledge sharing encourages creative thinking and continuous product and process improvement.

Employee Productivity:-

Employees perform more efficiently when organizational knowledge is readily accessible.

Customer Satisfaction:-

Improved knowledge enables organizations to respond quickly to customer needs and expectations.

Sustainable Competitive Advantage:-

Organizations effectively utilizing intellectual capital outperform competitors over the long term.

Leadership and Organizational Learning:-

Leadership is essential for building a knowledge-oriented organization.

Effective leaders:-

- Encourage continuous learning.
- Promote knowledge sharing.

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- Reward innovation.
 - Support employee development.
 - Foster collaboration.
 - Build trust across departments.

A learning-oriented organizational culture strengthens knowledge creation and business performance.

Digital Technologies Supporting Knowledge Management:-

Modern technologies significantly improve knowledge management practices.

Artificial Intelligence:-

AI assists knowledge discovery, recommendation systems, and intelligent search.

Cloud Computing:-

Cloud platforms facilitate secure storage and sharing of organizational knowledge.

Big Data Analytics:-

Organizations analyze large datasets to generate strategic insights.

Collaboration Platforms:-

Digital communication tools improve teamwork and knowledge exchange.

Knowledge Management Systems:-

Dedicated software centralizes organizational information and supports decision-making.

Technology increases the accessibility and effectiveness of organizational knowledge.

Challenges in Knowledge Management:-

Organizations encounter several obstacles when implementing KM initiatives.

Common challenges include:-

- Knowledge hoarding by employees.
- Lack of organizational support.
- Poor communication.
- Resistance to knowledge sharing.
- Outdated technology.
- Data security concerns.
- Difficulty measuring knowledge assets.

Organizations must address these challenges through leadership commitment and supportive organizational culture.

Strategies for Improving Knowledge Management:-

Organizations can strengthen KM by:-

- Creating a knowledge-sharing culture.
- Investing in digital knowledge platforms.
- Encouraging employee collaboration.
- Providing continuous training.
- Developing knowledge repositories.
- Recognizing knowledge-sharing behaviors.
- Regularly evaluating KM effectiveness.

These strategies improve organizational capability and long-term competitiveness.

Future Trends:-

Knowledge management will continue evolving through:-

- Artificial intelligence-powered knowledge systems.
- Intelligent enterprise search.
- Digital knowledge ecosystems.
- Remote collaborative learning.
- Predictive knowledge analytics.
- Blockchain for secure knowledge management.

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- Sustainable knowledge-driven organizations.
- Organizations adopting these innovations will strengthen competitiveness in the global economy.

Conclusion:-

Knowledge management has become a strategic capability that enables organizations to improve innovation, operational efficiency, and long-term competitiveness. By effectively creating, sharing, storing, and applying knowledge, businesses enhance decision-making, employee performance, customer satisfaction, and organizational adaptability. Although implementing knowledge management requires technological investment and cultural transformation, its long-term benefits far outweigh the associated challenges. Organizations that successfully integrate knowledge management into their strategic planning are better equipped to achieve sustainable growth and maintain competitive advantage in an increasingly knowledge-based economy.

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