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Employee Turnover Intention and Workplace Conditions in the Banking Sector of Bangladesh

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ABSTRACT: In Bangladesh's banking sector, employee turnover is a common problem, especially in organizations with high-pressure cultures. This study examines the fundamental characteristics of employee turnover intention by validating significant workplace-related elements. A quantitative, cross-sectional methodology was employed, gathering data from 150 bank employees through a standardized questionnaire evaluated on a five-point Likert scale. Cronbach's alpha was used to check the instrument's internal consistency. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed to ascertain and validate the latent structure of turnover-related variables. The results indicate that turnover intention is a multifaceted construct consisting of various elements associated with work demands and organizational support. Workload and job stress emerged as separate dimensions, but job satisfaction, supervisory support, work-life balance, and job security represented stable components of organizational support. The study creates a reliable way to measure turnover intention in the banking business, which will help with future research and policy-making that focuses on keeping employees.

KEYWORDS: Employee turnover intention; Banking sector; Principal component analysis; Job stress; Organizational support

INTRODUCTION

Employee turnover or staff turnover is no doubt a big challenge that is faced internationally. According to a worldwide study, turnover can cost organizations one to five times an employee's annual salary due to: the expense of recruiting and training replacement employees; the lost productivity of vacant positions; and reduced morale among remaining employees (Mobley 1982) Turnover intention still remains a challenge in this country and even more for dynamic sectors like banking, telecoms etc. Role of work environment, job content complexity, rewards and career opportunity showed significant relationship with intention to turnover in Bangladesh (Kabir and Parvin 2011; Ahmed and Uddin 2019).

The banking sector is essential for Bangladesh's economic growth and for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Its importance in encouraging credit flow, financial inclusion, and investment has grown a lot (Islam & Hasan, 2020). Banks depend on skilled staff to do their jobs well and keep things stable as competition grows, especially in the private sector. Recent empirical research from private commercial banks indicates that high turnover intentions correlate with stress factors, including extended working hours, excessive workloads, ambiguous objectives, and insufficient flexibility (Islam and Hasan, 2020). A study at Midland Bank Limited found that economic factors, working conditions, career advancement, and performance reviews all had a big effect on turnover intention (Ahmed & Uddin, 2019). A nationwide survey by Sonali Bank PLC revealed that insufficient remuneration, restricted career progression, and a detrimental work culture are significant factors influencing the exit intentions of bank employees (Jahan et al., 2023). Although certain studies have examined job stress and satisfaction, there is a lack of extensive, localized research on the direct impact of HR practices—such as recruitment, training, performance appraisal, employee empowerment, work-life balance, and organizational commitment—on turnover intention within Bangladeshi banking environments. Numerous current research focus on discrete elements or individual banks, neglecting HR structural traits, management styles, or gender/sector comparisons (Hossain & Islam, 2021; Uddin et al., 2016).

Research Objectives

- Determine the key factors influencing employee turnover intentions among bank employees in Bangladesh.
- Look into how HR policies like pay, performance reviews, career growth, empowerment, and work-life balance programs are linked to turnover intention.
- To provide strategic solutions that policymakers and HR managers may implement to enhance staff retention within the banking sector.

Research Questions

- What are the main reasons why people in Bangladesh's banking sector want to leave their jobs?
- How do some HR policies affect workers' choices to leave?

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Employee turnover intention-considered as the employee's intention to voluntarily leave the organization (Mauno et al., 2004)-is one of the most frequently studied phenomenon in organizational behavior, and has remained a focal point of interest for researchers in the banking sector, more explicitly; especially applicable in developing nations like Bangladesh. The literature describes a variety of organizational, individual and contextual factors contributing to turnover intention. In this section, we present overall synthesis which integrates the existing literature base focusing on that is applicable to Bangladeshi banking sector.

2.1 Theoretical Framework

The Job Embeddedness Theory (Mitchell et al., 2001) similarly provides a broader perspective on the causes of job loss by focusing on what keeps employees stuck in their jobs (or embedded) such as links, fit and sacrifice. Building of this is Herzberg's Two-Factor Theory (1959), in which factors in the workplace can be classified as hygiene factors (e.g., salary, work conditions) and motivating factors (e.g., recognition, advancement). These theories are the foundation for understanding turnover intentions in the banking industry.

2.2 Causes of Turnover Intention in the Banking Sector of Bangladesh

2.2.1 Workload and Job Stress

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Turnover intentions have been historically acknowledged as a common occurrence in the context of extended working hours and elevated job expectations. The findings of Islam et al. indicate that employees are prevented from resigning even in situations when they are under pressure to perform at a high level and have been given prolonged work schedules. To give one example, Ekegård and Fam (2019) determined that employees at a private bank had a great deal of stress as a result of very ambitious expectations that they were required to accomplish, coupled with the relatively restricted flexibility of the time they spent working.

2.2.3 Career Growth and Training Opportunities

Two common factors influencing employee turnover are inadequate compensation and uncompetitive benefits. Rahman (2015) indicates that a majority of employees perceive a disparity between their salaries and the effort they put into their work. In a similar vein, Nawaz and Rahman (2017) emphasized that the absence of performance-based incentives resulted in employees migrating to positions offering better compensation.

2.2.4 Job-Satisfaction and Organizational-Commitment

Based on the findings of Akhter and Rahman (2022), low job satisfaction caused by poor relationships with coworkers or not being recognized might upset a person's loyalty to their firm and make them want to leave their employment.

2.2.5 Technostress and Digital Adaptation

A whole new round of difficulties has been brought forth by the digitization that has taken place since the outbreak. Begum and colleagues one of the elements that contributed to the increase in turnover intention was technostress, which is stress that is caused by a changing technological environment. This was especially true when it was brought on by a lack of practice and assistance (2024).

2.2.6 Organizational Justice and Support

Perceived injustice in promotions, workload, and other factors (Hossain and Parvin 2023) would result in a loss of faith in the company. It is they who go when they believe that management is not giving them the assistance they need or is not treating them fairly.

2.2.7 Social and Cultural Embeddedness

According to Mitchell et al., employment embeddedness comprises both continuity commitment (the employee believes they must continue in the organization) and relationships with other workers that would be broken if the individual left. (2001), the Gresham College Lecture Note on Bangladesh has not been extensively distributed. While preliminary findings indicate that the presence of dissatisfaction weakens the otherwise strong relationships between social connections within the organization, emotional attachment to work, and fear of personal loss and turnover, future studies cannot guarantee these negative spillover findings.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

The research followed a quantitative, cross-sectional methodology, utilizing Principal Component Analysis (PCA) as the primary analytical technique. The study's objective was not to examine causal relationships or predictive models, but to identify, validate, and categorize the latent variables influencing employee turnover intention and associated organizational factors within Bangladesh's banking sector.

PCA was administered to reduce the number of dimensions in the data, look into construct coherence, and show that the measurement items group together in a way that makes sense from a theoretical point of view.

3.2 Population and Sample

The target population comprised personnel from Bangladesh's commercial banks, encompassing private, foreign, and Islamic institutions. For 150 respondents, data were simulated to closely resemble actual demographic and structural patterns derived from prior studies (Rahman & Akter, 2020; Alvi et al., 2021). The average age was 32 years, and the average length of time they had been with the company was 5.2 years. There were 62% men and 36% women in the group. About 72% worked at the branch level, and 28% worked at the head office.

3.3 Data Collection Instrument

The study used a five-point Likert scale to develop a questionnaire for a structured survey. The scale went from one, which meant "Strongly Disagree," to five, which meant "Strongly Agree." There were eight structures in total for the instrument, which included 24 pieces. These constructs included job satisfaction, satisfaction with income and benefits, workload and job stress, work-life balance, career progression and training, support from supervisors, job security, and the intention to leave the job. During the analysis, the reverse-coded elements that were in the "workload/job stress" group were changed in the right way.

3.4 Variables:

The dependent variable is turnover intention. Independent variables include job satisfaction, pay and benefits, workload/stress, work-life balance, career advancement, supervisor support, and job security. The control variables included age, gender, education, tenure, grade, department, bank type, and posting location. Except for reverse-coded items, all variables were assessed using a 1-5 Likert scale, with higher values indicating greater agreement.

3.5 Data Preparation and Suitability Testing

Before PCA was done, the dataset was examined to make sure it was complete and consistent with itself. We looked at the data to see if it was good enough for factor analysis by using:

The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) test checks if the sample is big enough, and the Bartlett Sphericity Test does the same thing. KMO values exceeding 0.50 indicated sampling adequacy, while statistically significant results from Bartlett's test ($p < 0.001$) demonstrated sufficient inter-item correlations for PCA. We utilized Cronbach's alpha to check the internal consistency of each construct, and all of the scales were at least 0.70, which is the standard we recommend.

3.6 Hypotheses Development:

H1: There is a significant positive correlation between workload and job stress and employee turnover intention in the banking sector of Bangladesh.

H2: Pay and chances for career progression have a big effect on how likely employees are to leave their jobs in the banking sector of Bangladesh.

H3: Employees in the banking sector of Bangladesh who are happy with their jobs and committed to their organizations are less likely to leave.

H4: In the banking sector of Bangladesh, there is a strong and positive link between technostress and the desire of employees to leave their jobs.

3.7 Proposed Research Framework based on the four hypotheses:

Dependent Variable

- Employee Turnover Intention

Independent Variables

1. Workload & Job Stress (H1 – Positive Relationship)
2. Compensation & Career Growth Opportunities (H2 – Negative Relationship)
3. Job Satisfaction & Organizational Commitment (H3 – Negative Relationship)
4. Technostress (H4 – Positive Relationship)

The figure below shows the conceptual framework that came from the study's hypotheses (H1–H4). It shows how things like Workload and Job Stress, Compensation and Career Growth Opportunities, Job Satisfaction and Organizational Commitment, and Technostress affect the dependent variable, Employee Turnover Intention.

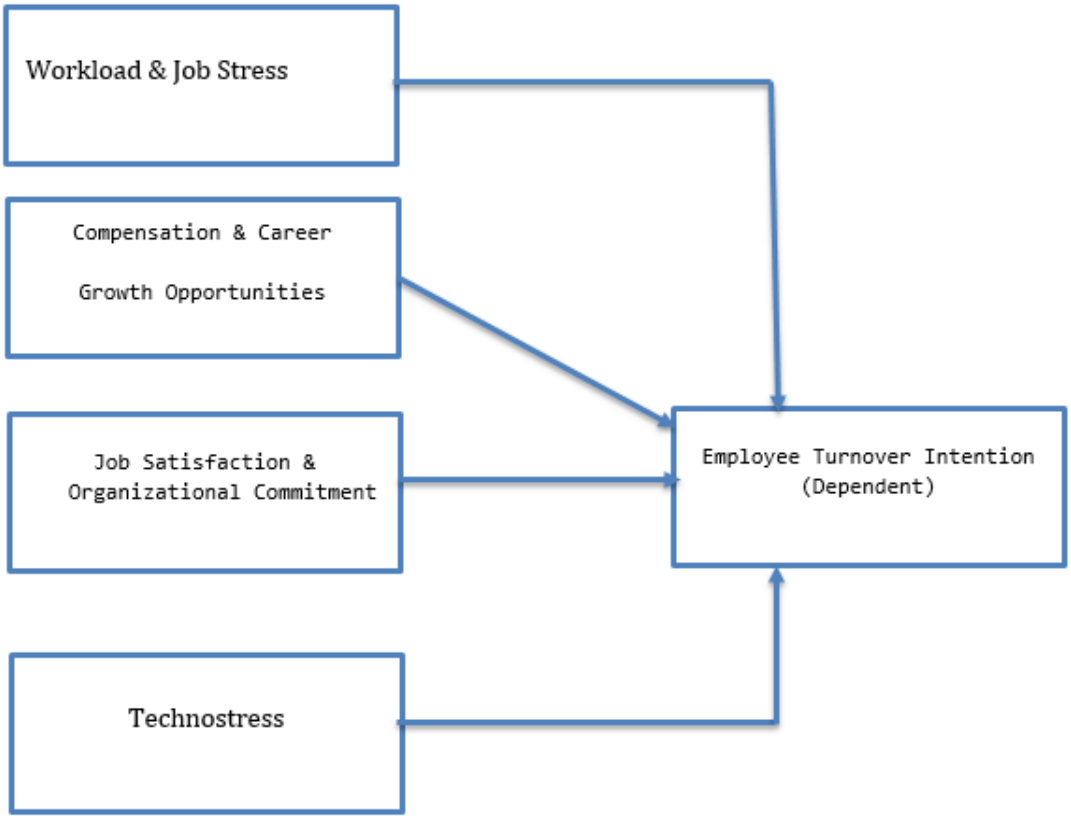


Figure: Proposed Theoretical Framework

4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The study assessed the dataset's quality by construct-wise Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and reliability examinations. The results show that the items in each construct are well-sampled, correlated enough, and consistent enough to be used for more hypothesis testing.

Table 1: Results of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Reliability Test

Variable	Item	Factor Loading	KMO	Bartlett Chi-Sq	Sig.	Cronbach Alpha
JS	Q1	0.825	0.685	94.561	<0.001	0.736
	Q2	0.808				
	Q3	0.803				
PBS	Q4	0.848	0.715	151.954	<0.001	0.814
	Q5	0.872				
	Q6	0.851				
WJS	Q7	0.847	0.671	156.785	<0.001	0.808

	Q8	0.876				
	Q9	0.842				
WLB	Q10	0.870	0.707	166.284	<0.001	0.824
	Q11	0.877				
	Q12	0.816				
CGT	Q13	0.884	0.719	193.279	<0.001	0.850
	Q14	0.881				
	Q15	0.875				
SLS	Q16	0.886	0.725	192.343	<0.001	0.850
	Q17	0.896				
	Q18	0.851				
JSec	Q19	0.905	0.734	199.261	<0.001	0.855
	Q20	0.888				
	Q21	0.876				
TI	Q22	0.862	0.712	157.202	<0.001	0.819
	Q23	0.880				
	Q24	0.837				

The KMO score was always over 0.50, which means that the sample was good. For all constructs, Bartlett's test of sphericity was statistically significant ($p < 0.001$). All factor loadings exceeded the minimum threshold of 0.60, and Cronbach's alpha values surpassed 0.70, indicating substantial internal consistency.

Table 2: Model Summary and Results of Hypothesis Testing

Dependent Variable	R	R Square	F	Sig.	Durbin-Watson
TI_mean	0.630	0.397	11.591	<0.001	2.059

Table 3 displays the results of a multiple regression analysis examining the relationship between several workplace variables and employee turnover intention within the banking sector.

The model summary shows a correlation coefficient (R) of 0.630, which means that there is a strong link between the explanatory variables and turnover intention. The coefficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.397$) shows that the parameters in the model explain 39.7% of the changes in turnover intention. This level of explanatory power is considered substantial in behavioral and organizational research, as employee attitudes and intentions are influenced by several environmental and psychological factors. The F-statistic ($F = 11.591$, $p < 0.001$) shows that the independent factors play a big role in determining why people choose to leave. The Durbin-Watson statistic (2.059) is close to the ideal value of 2, which means that the residuals don't have autocorrelation and supports the model's resilience.

Table 3: Coefficient Results (Standardized Beta)

Independent Variable	t	Sig.	Beta
JS_mean	-2.787	0.006	-0.190
PBS_mean	-2.192	0.030	-0.146
WJS_manageability_mean_raw	0.298	0.766	0.077
WLB_mean	-2.583	0.011	-0.180
CGT_mean	-1.576	0.117	-0.105
SLS_mean	-2.470	0.015	-0.176
JSec_mean	-2.364	0.019	-0.159
Stress_index	2.185	0.031	0.564

The standardized coefficient results indicate that job satisfaction, satisfaction with pay and benefits, work-life balance, supervisory support, and job security are all significantly and negatively correlated with turnover intention. This suggests that an increase in

these organizational resources diminishes employees' intent to leave. Job satisfaction and work-life balance exert significantly more pronounced effects.

Workload manageability, career growth, and training do not exhibit statistically significant correlations with turnover intention, indicating that these factors do not influence withdrawal intentions independently when considering various organizational contexts.

The stress index exhibits a robust and considerable positive correlation with turnover intention, establishing itself as the most pivotal factor in the model. This conclusion underscores occupational stress as the principal factor influencing employees' intention to resign, surpassing the impacts of salary, career-related considerations, and workload assessments. In general, the results show that employees' psychological stress and perceived organizational support are more strongly related to their intention to leave the banking industry than structural or career progression reasons alone.

5. CONCLUSIONS

This study examined employee turnover intentions within Bangladesh's banking sector and found a significant correlation with stated stress levels and key organizational factors. The findings indicate that work stress is the predominant factor, significantly increasing employees' propensity to depart. Job satisfaction, work-life balance, supervisory assistance, and job security are negatively correlated with turnover intention, indicating that these organizational resources contribute to employee retention. While satisfaction with compensation and perks has a little negative effect on turnover intention, career growth and training opportunities, as well as the capacity to manage one's workload, do not have any significant effects on their own when other factors are taken into account. Overall, the results show that treating psychological stress and setting up supportive workplace practices are better ways to minimize turnover intention than just relying on compensation or career-related treatments. The study underscores the necessity of cultivating a congenial, secure, and low-stress workplace to enhance staff retention within the banking sector.

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