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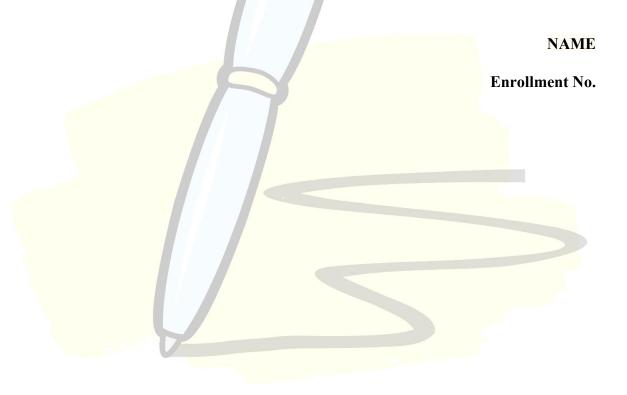
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This project report titled "A Study on the Role of Diversity and Inclusion Practices in Creating a Positive Workplace Environment at TATA Consultancy Services" explores how D&I initiatives influence employee experiences and contribute to a healthy organizational culture. In today's globalized work environment, diversity and inclusion have become key pillars for fostering innovation, collaboration, and employee satisfaction. TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), being a global IT services leader, employs individuals from diverse cultural, ethnic, and professional backgrounds. The study was undertaken to assess how effectively TCS's D&I policies are implemented and perceived by employees, and how these practices impact their job satisfaction, engagement, and overall work environment.

The research follows a descriptive design and adopts a mixed-method approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative techniques. Primary data was collected through a structured questionnaire using a five-point Likert scale, while secondary data was gathered from official reports, company documentation, and existing literature. The sample size comprised 100 employees selected through convenient sampling.

The major findings of the study indicate that most employees at TCS are aware of and positively perceive the organization's D&I initiatives. A significant majority agreed that these initiatives have improved job satisfaction, enhanced their sense of inclusion, and positively impacted team dynamics. Statistical tests showed a strong positive correlation between D&I efforts and job satisfaction, employee retention, and comfort in expression. However, the results also revealed areas for improvement, such as the need for stronger leadership involvement in promoting fair treatment and better communication of D&I policies to all employees.

Based on the findings, several suggestions have been proposed. These include enhancing awareness campaigns to increase familiarity with D&I policies, offering leadership training focused on inclusive practices, and reinforcing transparent and unbiased career advancement processes. It is also recommended that TCS continue to encourage greater employee participation in D&I programs and regularly gather feedback to improve initiatives.

The study affirms that TCS has made commendable progress in building an inclusive workplace, with D&I practices significantly contributing to a positive work culture. While

employee perceptions are largely favorable, continued efforts in communication, leadership involvement, and program effectiveness are necessary to sustain and enhance the inclusive environment. The insights from this study can guide TCS in refining its D&I strategies and ensuring that inclusivity remains a core organizational value.



#### CHAPTER 1

#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction of the Study:

In the rapidly evolving global business landscape, organizations are increasingly recognizing the importance of Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) as essential elements of a healthy and productive workplace. Diversity refers to the presence of differences among people in terms of gender, race, ethnicity, age, ability, sexual orientation, and cultural background, while inclusion ensures that these diverse individuals feel welcomed, respected, and valued. Together, diversity and inclusion are instrumental in fostering creativity, enhancing collaboration, and driving innovation, thereby contributing significantly to organizational performance and sustainability.

With businesses becoming more people-centric and globally connected, companies are under growing pressure to create environments where all employees feel a sense of belonging. A diverse and inclusive workplace is not only a moral and social imperative but also a competitive advantage. Research consistently shows that inclusive organizations experience higher employee engagement, better decision-making, and stronger financial performance. When employees feel respected and included, they are more motivated, productive, and loyal to the organization.

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services, consulting, and business solutions organization, has consistently emphasized the value of diversity and inclusion. With a workforce that spans multiple continents, cultures, and backgrounds, TCS has made significant efforts to build an inclusive workplace culture where all employees, regardless of their identity or background, are given equal opportunities to grow and succeed. The company has launched several initiatives and policies aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion, ranging from gender diversity programs to sensitivity training and inclusive hiring practices.

Despite these efforts, the real impact of such initiatives can only be understood through the lens of employee perceptions and experiences. This study seeks to examine the role of D&I practices in creating a positive workplace environment at TCS. It aims to understand how familiar employees are with the company's D&I policies, how effectively these policies are implemented, and contribute to employee satisfaction, comfort, engagement, and retention.

The research adopts a descriptive approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative data. Primary data was collected through a structured questionnaire using a Likert scale, while secondary data was gathered from company documents, official websites, and existing literature on diversity and inclusion.

By focusing on the experiences of employees at different levels, departments, and tenure within the organization, the study aims to provide a comprehensive view of how D&I practices are perceived and experienced across TCS. The findings of this study are intended to offer valuable insights for HR professionals, policymakers, and leadership at TCS in strengthening their D&I strategies. Ultimately, the goal is to help TCS continue evolving into a more inclusive, equitable, and positive workplace that supports the growth and well-being of all its employees.



#### 1.2 Background of the Study

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#### **Concept of Workplace Diversity**

Workplace diversity refers to the inclusion of individuals from varied backgrounds, including differences in race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, physical abilities, sexual orientation, and experiences. It encompasses not just demographic diversity, but also cognitive, experiential, and cultural differences. A diverse workforce brings a range of perspectives that fosters innovation, improves decision-making, enhances employee performance, and helps organizations better understand diverse markets. However, it also presents challenges such as communication barriers, unconscious bias, and resistance to change. To effectively leverage diversity, organizations must implement inclusive policies, promote awareness, and create a supportive culture where every employee feels valued and respected.

#### Types of Diversity in the Workplace

The meaning of workplace diversity can be grasped based on the number of categories to which people can be grouped based on their differences. As such, these differences shape how people see the world and how they never fall short of interacting with others and the workplace. The primary, secondary and other emerging types of diversity are generally viewed.

#### 1. Primary Diversity

The most referenced diversity is primary diversity, which means inherent characteristics that are usually visible and become the basis of the initial social perception. Race and ethnicity are also included in this area, as each individual's racial background, and cultural heritage is part of what can affect communication styles, work habits, and such. In terms of gender diversity, it is not about biological sex alone but also the gender identity, as in non-binary and transgender employees. Age diversity combines different generational cohorts like Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennial, and Gen Z each has different work preferences and expectations. Employees with disabilities or other impairments for which accessibility is a physical ability as an employee. Diversity includes sexual orientation such as LGBTQ+ identities and their unique values need inclusion and support. Individuals also have different nationalities which influences with different cultural norms, perspectives, and languages.

#### 2. Secondary Diversity

These primary and secondary traits together comprise diversity and include traits that are not always visible and do have the potential to evolve through life experience or circumstance. This is one of such traits that includes their educational background which includes the formal education level, degree, or certifications. One's socioeconomic status (i.e., economic background) impacts both one's access to opportunities as well as personal experiences. However, religious beliefs also belong to this category as some people might be devotees of different religions that determine their practice, holidays and how they conduct their daily activities. For instance, marital or parental status (e.g., having to be a single parent or caregiver) influences the way in which work and life are balanced and the amount of responsibility in both areas. Work experience gives diversity in the form of different career paths in different industries or job role. This is further augmented by language and the communication styles with which associated since some people may be bi or multilingual whereas other may differ when it comes to expressing themselves verbally and non-verbally.

#### 3. Organizational Diversity

Diversity within an organization relates to person's role, function, or position within the organization. This applies to job function or department, e.g. separating people by roles in marketing, finance or human resources. Another is tenure; the differences between new hires and experienced employees affect dynamic in the workplace. The level of people involved in management ranks also is important, executive, mid level manager, entry level staff, and all at this level approach management from different angles and experiences.

#### 4. Cognitive Diversity

Cognitive diversity refers to the variation in ways of thinking, problem solving, and outlooks. Introversion versus extroversion is a factor in personality, and the Type A versus Type B personality is another difference in temperament. Similarly, learning styles are different and there are people who prefer visual, auditory or kinaesthetic ways of learning. Cognitive diversity also stems from the decision-making styles (analytical versus intuitive) that shape how people tackle adversaries and solutions.

#### 5. Cultural Diversity

Cultural diversity is concerned with a person's background, including values, tradition and social behavior. Culture is one of the phenomena that is close concept with other phenomena such as race, ethnicity, nationality, but culture consists of deeper elements, like norms, values, behavior, food, clothing, festivals, etc. Besides the ethnic differences, it also includes different attitudes to hierarchy, time and communication. Cultural diversity acceptance helps organizations build mutual respect, global consciousness, and team inclusive.

#### Importance of Diversity at Work Place



Today, supporting diversity in the workplace is not just about adhering to compliance or fulfilling CSR requirements, it is pivotal for success and sustainability of an organisation. Active organization awareness, respect, and regard of individual differences enhances the opportunity for a more positive, productive and competitive workplace.

#### 1. Increased Creativity and Innovation

A diverse workforce is one of the most powerful tools for the increased creativity and innovation in a company. This is because when people from different backgrounds, cultures and experiences, come together, they bring different perspectives and ways of thinking. The result of such diverse thinking is that new ideas, different ways to solve problems, and unique solutions are born.

#### 2. Better Decision-Making and Problem-Solving

Teams offer a diverse insight to decisions and more complete ways to approach. People with diverse experiences and perspectives are better able to think through a broader array of options and to envision (or at least to conceive of) some obstacles that they might face. As has been proven in various studies, diverse groups have better decision making power because they don't succumb to group think and can consider multiple perspectives.

#### 3. Attracting and Retaining Top Talent

Organizations that accept diversity have a tendency to also be viewed as an attractive organization to be employed by. Inclusivity and equality are increasingly being factored into job seekers' workplace choices, especially by young people. Companies that encourage a diverse and inclusive environment widen their chances of having a wider talent pool, getting top performing candidates and retention of employee. This means when employees are valued and respected based on their background, they tend to be loyal to the organisation.

#### 4. Improved Employee Engagement and Satisfaction

A diverse and inclusive workplace fosters a sense of belonging and respect among employees. Individuals are more engaged, more motivated and happy with their job when they feel being recognized and appreciated for who they are. It has a positive effect on turning the workplace into a place where an individual can connect with emotionally, which ultimately enhances morale, reduces turnover, and raises productivity. Furthermore, inclusive teams create environments free from psychological safety, so members can freely express themselves without fearing judgment.

#### 5. Enhanced Organizational Reputation

Such companies tend to have a stronger reputation amongst customers, investors and the community at large. Having a workforce with diverse backgrounds will reflect good ethics and good business practices, which can include being socially aware and therefore improve the brand's image and the customers' loyalty. Organizations which have an inclusive culture also are more likely to be trusted by stakeholders and be supported in their abilities for growth and innovation.

#### 6. Stronger Global Competitiveness

Diversity is an important asset for companies in today's global economy. A diverse workforce is a plus for organizations, since such organizations have a better understanding and ability to serve global markets. Workers who speak foreign languages, have different cultures and experience in other countries enable business to adapt to multiple target markets by creating products and even lines of communication. A cultural competence can result in excellent customer relations, expansion of market and consequent success in the long term.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion Practices**

In order to realize a truly inclusive and diverse workplace, organizations must go beyond the intentions and seek to create practical strategies through which diversity and inclusion get embedded into the culture, policies and the daily operations. They strive for giving an equal opportunity to all the employees so that they feel belong to the organization and get equal and fair treatment at all levels. Beyond acknowledging systemic inequalities, effecting effective diversity and inclusion (D&I) practices translate into higher morale levels of employees, creativity, and overall organizational performance.

#### 1. Inclusive Recruitment and Hiring

Inclusive recruitment and hiring is one of the fundamental practices in promoting diversity. This includes diverse hiring panels, inclusive job descriptions and general usage of bias words. Removing such details as name, gender, or ethnicity from resumes to recruit blindly minimizes unconscious bias. Minority-focused job boards or institutions can also be partnered with by organizations to draw in a more diverse candidate pool. Standardized interview procedures and competency appraisals as opposed to background decisions can likewise help to make for fairer selection processes.

#### 2. Diversity Training and Education

Continuous diversity training should be provided about such that members of the organization can remain aware and possess cultural competence. Staff are trained to be more conscious about their bias, inclusive language and respectful behaviour at the workplace through these programs. Moreover, diversity education cultivates empathy, prevention of prejudice, and gives teams a set of skills to sustain in a multicultural setting. Training needs to be engaging, practical and receive senior management support, not be a compliance exercise one and done.

#### 3. Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)

Affinity groups or employee networks, more commonly known as Employee Resource Groups, are voluntary, employee led groups that come together on the basis of common backgrounds, identities or interest. ERGs are a platform of sorts for underrepresented employees to connect, help one another and to be expressive. These groups are often involved in initiatives in leadership development, mentorship and cultural awareness.

#### 4. Mentorship and Sponsorship Programs

Mentorship and sponsorship programs structured in this way help bridge the gap for employees who come from underrepresented groups by wrapping them in guidance, support and advocacy. Because mentorship concentrates on personal and professional growth, while sponsorship looks at a more senior leader actively marketing and creating chances for their protégé. These programs are essential in the inclusive momentum of all people being part of advancement, and therefore talent development.

#### 5. Inclusive Leadership Development

In order to sustain diversity and inclusion efforts, it is important to develop inclusive leaders. On the other side inclusive leaders show and take into consideration their own biases, encourage participation from all team members and have cultural intelligence. Leadership development programs focused on empathy, active listening and inclusive decision making should be invested in by organisations. These leaders are the examples of how respectful and equitable workplace interactions should be set.

#### 6. Flexible and Equitable Workplace Policies

For instance, workplace policies also need diversity and inclusion. This entails creating a working arrangement that is familiar to employees and allowing them to work on an individual basis, create style which accommodates their lifestyle at the university and beyond, providing facilities for the physically challenged and respect for religion and culture observances. There are examples of supporting diverse workforce such as equitable parental leave, gender neutral restrooms, and inclusive dress codes. Policy reviews are regularly conducted to address evolving employee needs and systemic barriers are identified and addressed.

#### 7. Feedback Mechanisms and Accountability

The depiction of feedback mechanisms that allow employees to share their experiences and concerns safely with the objective to uphold D&I practices that thrive must be presented. However, until an open forum is available, anonymous surveys, suggestion boxes, etc. can gauge the inclusiveness of the workplace environment. Furthermore, where possible, diversity goals should be linked to leadership performance through metrics, regular reporting, and clear communication to provide measurable outcomes and facilitate trust.

#### **Challenges in Workplace Diversity**

While diversity of workplace brings lots of benefits, it also carries the challenges, which should be dealt with tactfully and strategically by the organizations. If these challenges are not managed, it can cause team cohesion to suffer, cause misunderstandings, and not realise diversity's full potential. First of all, it's important to recognise these challenges as the first step in creating an inclusive and harmonious workplace environment.

#### 1. Communication Barriers

Communication is one of the biggest problems in having a diverse workforce. Because there may be employees from different cultural, linguistic and educational backgrounds communication styles may vary. Language difference, tone, body language, different unit of directness can influence collaboration and easy flow of information. The gaps need to be bridged, and understanding fostered between these organizations, which will require development of inclusive communication strategies.

#### 2. Unconscious Bias and Stereotyping

Unconscious bias is the prejudice that manifests when individuals are unaware of such prejudiced views regarding race, gender, age, or otherwise. These biases can impact decisions on when, whom, and how to hire, promote, put people in teams, and the leadership development. Marginalizing employees and ruining morale in the workplace can also occur when stereotyping—that is, assuming something about an individual because of group membership—continues. These biases can only be combated by being constantly aware, training and with cultural sensitivity.

#### 3. Resistance to Change

In taking up diversity initiatives, employees accustomed to conventional workplace norms may strongly resist changing their normative behaviour. Change can threaten some people or make some people worried that efforts to be diverse will undermine their opportunity. Diversity programs may be considered forced or unnecessary by others. However, resistance to such change does exist — and affects the team dynamically, slowing the progress and creating tensions. It is also essential that the values of diversity are clearly communicated as a value to leadership.

#### 4. Tokenism and Symbolic Inclusion

When there are shallow efforts to promote diversity or for purposes of show only, there can be tokenism. Tokenism describes a situation where those belonging in underrepresented groups have a tinge of visibility, but not real control or opportunities. Consequently, it can cause feelings of isolation, heightened pressure to be the voice of an entire group, and reduced trust in organizational commitment to inclusion. Numbers alone do not constitute true diversity; it is meaningful participation; it is empowerment and it is equity.

#### 5. Cultural Misunderstandings

Different values, norms and practice, to the workplace is cultural diversity. When education and sensitivity on these differences is lacking, the misunderstanding or even cultural clashes may occur. For instance, skyline might vary when it comes to hierarchy, punctuality, personal space or dress code which impacts on teamwork and workplace relationship. Cultural competence should be promoted by organizations and environments established where diverse cultural expressions are respected and celebrated.

#### 6. Integration and Team Cohesion

I's not as though the bringing together of people of different backgrounds always leads to anything harmonious about it. This can make teams struggle to integrate other work styles, expectations or ways of communication. Diverse teams will run into friction and have lower productivity unless there are deliberate efforts to support collaboration and inclusiveness. Nurturing cohesion and unity require inclusion leadership and team building initiatives.

#### 7. Lack of Leadership Commitment

Often, without strong and consistent leadership support, diversity and inclusion efforts will fail. Leaders need to champion diversity in action: If leaders don't do that, employees see that it's not a priority. Poor implementation of policies, lack of accountability and little progress happens when the top management is not committed adequately. Leaders must be role models for diversity in the organization and carry responsibility for implementing diversity throughout its core values and practices.

#### **Impact on Workplace Environment**

Integration of diversity and inclusion (D&I) practices shapes the whole workplace environment. Having a diverse and inclusive organizational culture does not constitute good corporate governance on its own; rather, it determines how employees interact, work, and cooperate with one another. The more employees are respected, valued and empowered, the more the work environment turns into a powerful, supportive and a high-performance environment.

#### 1. Enhanced Organizational Culture

Openness, respect and mutual appreciation are all products of strong commitment to diversity and inclusion and impact the organizational culture positively. The fire kindled here has the potential to unite and melt anyone coming in contact with it. This fire softens the hardened exterior of many, to reveal a strength still untapped within. The resulting cultural shift helps to reduce prejudice, encourage cross cultural dialogue and identifies the development of shared values, which have the effect of strengthening the social fabric of the organization.

#### 2. Increased Team Cohesion and Collaboration

To begin with, diversity consists of people with different experiences, skills and perspectives. This variety can increase collaboration and teamwork when managed so. The creation of an environment where employees will not hold back their opinion because they fear bias or exclusion leads to richness in conversations and better problem solving as a consequence. In such settings, teams are more likely to work more cohesively, help one another, and show high levels of interpersonal trust.

#### 3. Improved Employee Engagement and Morale

When employees feel their contributions are valued, and regardless of their background, they are more engaged. An inclusive workplace welcomes different talents and provides levers to enhance the environment where all the employees can grow and succeed. Consequently, employee morale raises, job satisfaction rises, and there is increased motivation to participate in a positive manner to the organization. It usually translates to higher engagement and therefore better productivity and less employee turnover.

#### 4. Boost in Creativity and Innovation

A diverse workforce is a wellspring of new ideas; organizations that are allowed to innovate and adapt in a competitive marketplace. Inclusion also means these ideas are heard and considered so that a wide range of solutions are developed and implemented. An inclusive culture results in the diversity of thought that in turn results in the innovation of products, service, and internal processes resulting in the growth of organization.

#### 5. Reduction in Workplace Conflicts

Workplace conflicts are less prevalent in environments that are more permeable to empathy and respect, with as much open communication as possible. Embracing diversity and having everyone feeling heard reduces the chances of miscommunication growing into a dispute. In addition, inclusive practices typically incorporate training in cultural competence, conflict resolution and other tools needed by employees and managers to deal with differences in a positive way.

#### 6. Positive Impact on Mental Health and Well-being

Psychologically safe and inclusive workplace improves employees' mental health. If employees are not scared of being discriminated against, marginalized, or to be treated on basis of bias, then they will suffer less stress and a better emotional state. Inclusion policies, open dialogue, along with employee assistance programs from organizations that support mental health help build in a healthier and more resilient workforce.

#### 7. Enhanced Organizational Reputation and Trust

Diversity and inclusion within an organization encourages teams and companies to earn the trust of employees, customers, and communities. Trust is built inside when employees are fairly treated and have their voices heard. Externally, it boosts a brand's image of inclusivity, its ability to attract diverse talent and retain loyal customers. The organisations that reflect and respect diversity in the society now draw stakeholders increasingly.

#### 1.3 Company Profile

#### **TATA Consultancy Services**



#### 1.3.1 History and Background of the Company

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) is a leading global IT services, consulting, and business solutions organization. Established in 1968 and headquartered in Mumbai, India, TCS is a part of the prestigious Tata Group—India's largest multinational business group. Over the decades, TCS has grown into one of the world's most respected and innovative IT companies, operating in over 50 countries with a strong global workforce.

Renowned for delivering technology-driven solutions and services, TCS specializes in IT consulting, software development, infrastructure services, and enterprise solutions. The company serves clients across diverse industries such as banking and financial services, telecommunications, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing. With a customer-centric approach, a commitment to excellence, and a strong focus on sustainability and innovation, TCS continues to be at the forefront of the digital transformation landscape.

TCS is also known for its employee-friendly policies, robust performance appraisal system, and continuous learning opportunities, making it a preferred employer among IT professionals worldwide.

#### **1.3.2 Mission:**

To help customers achieve their business objectives by providing innovative, best-in-class consulting, IT solutions, and services, while making it a joy for all stakeholders to work with us.

#### **1.3.3 Vision:**

To be the global leader in IT services and business solutions, recognized for delivering excellence, innovation, and sustainable value to all stakeholders.

#### 1.3.4 Core Values:

TATA Consultancy Services operates with a strong foundation of core values inherited from the Tata Group. These values guide every aspect of the company's operations:

- Integrity: Conducting business in a fair, honest, and transparent manner.
- Responsibility: Commitment to making a positive impact on society and the environment.
- Excellence: Constantly striving for high quality and continuous improvement.
- **Pioneering:** Embracing innovation and exploring new technologies.
- Unity: Working together across functions and geographies as one team.
- Customer-Centricity: Putting the customer at the heart of all decisions and actions.

#### 1.3.5 SWOT Analysis of TATA Consultancy Services (TCS)

#### **Strengths:**

- **Strong Brand Reputation:** TCS is one of the most recognized and trusted IT service providers globally.
- **Global Presence:** Operations in over 50 countries with a diversified client base across industries.
- **Financial Stability:** Consistently strong financial performance with high profit margins and revenue growth.
- **Skilled Workforce:** A large pool of talented professionals and a focus on continuous learning and development.
- Innovative Solutions: Investment in emerging technologies like AI, cloud computing, IoT, and blockchain.
- Part of the Tata Group: Benefit of credibility, legacy, and business ethics associated with the Tata brand.

#### Weaknesses:

- **High Dependency on North America:** A large share of revenue comes from the U.S., making it vulnerable to market fluctuations.
- Employee Attrition: Like other IT firms, TCS faces challenges in retaining skilled talent in a competitive market.
- Limited Product Portfolio: Heavy reliance on services over proprietary products or platforms.

#### **Opportunities:**

- **Digital Transformation Demand:** Increasing global demand for digital services, automation, and cloud migration.
- Expansion in Emerging Markets: Untapped potential in countries across Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia.
- Strategic Partnerships and Acquisitions: Opportunities to strengthen capabilities through mergers, acquisitions, and alliances.
- AI and Data Analytics Growth: Increasing importance of data-driven decision-making opens new service areas.

#### **Threats:**

- Intense Competition: Competition from other global IT giants like Infosys, Accenture, IBM, and Wipro.
- Regulatory Challenges: Changing global data privacy and labor laws could affect operations and costs.
- Currency Fluctuations: As a global company, TCS is exposed to foreign exchange risks.
- **Economic Slowdowns:** Global economic uncertainties or downturns can reduce IT spending by clients.

#### 1.4 Literature Review

#### 1. Grissom, Andrew R. (2018) "Workplace Diversity and Inclusion"

In this column written by Andrew R. Grissom for the Reference & User Services Quarterly, the author investigates the importance of workplace diversity and inclusion now and for the future of the library profession. According to Grissom, the U.S. labor force is aging and growing more diverse, necessitating that workplaces become inclusive for all to flourish. Diversity is contextualized, including legal references as far back as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and underrepresentation of women and minorities in leadership positions is mentioned too. Grissom offers a list of scholarly sources on managing diverse workers in organizational structure and the required management practices in theory and practice. Main recommendations involve creating inclusive cultures, offering diversity in customer services and staffing, and eliminating system obstacles. It is both a bibliographic guide and it calls for professionals to incorporate inclusion in their institutional practices.

## 2. Wolfgruber, Daniel; Einwiller, Sabine; Brockhaus, J. (2021) "Let's Talk About Diversity & Inclusion: Fostering an Inclusive Work Environment Through Communication"

It is in this regard that the Academic Society for Management & Communication in their study investigates how strategic communication leads to diversity and inclusion in organizations. The authors combine literature review, three empirical studies interviewing 20 D&I experts, 84 employees, and surveying 1,000 workers to evaluate effectiveness of D&I communication. However, the research emphasizes that authentic and strategic communication is crucial to building an inclusive work culture. The identified key drivers of effective D&I management are leadership commitment, employee involvement, transparent strategies and communication. It is important to illustrate that informal interpersonal communication (meetings and workshops), as opposed to mediated communication (emails or videos), has a greater influence on the perception of participation. The research recommends that D&I management should not simply be in terms of policy but skills in managing managers and fostering leadership that is inclusive with the right resourcing and communication tools.

### 3. Samašonok, Kristina et al. (2023) "Creating an Inclusive and Diverse Workplace Environment: Current Realities and Trends for Improvement"

This is a paper entitled 'Inclusivity in the Modern Labor Market: An Analysis of Lithuanian Workers' completed for Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Issues, analyzing inclusivity in the modern labor market based on the survey of 202 Lithuanian workers. It discusses ways to create a diverse and inclusive workforce along with analyzing the prevalent challenges in creating such a diverse environment. The study showed that there was progress and there were continuing prejudices through the use of analytical, descriptive, statistical, and quantitative methods. Although the majority hold positive views on diversity, acceptance has not eliminated acts of discrimination such as avoidance or bullying. The lack of regular staff surveys, structured D&I training and inclusion organisational culture is also highlighted in the study. Though strategies and regulations in EU wide which promote diversity, these are still not implemented. Organizations are suggested to have commitment, communication, and a structured including program for eliminating bias and supporting marginalized groups. It helps to understand the status quo of D&I in the real world and provides steps towards improving inclusivity for workers.

## 4. Kiradoo, Giriraj (2020) "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace: Strategies for Achieving and Sustaining a Diverse Workforce"

This study gives an overall survey of existing strategies for the implementation of DEI in the workplace. The paper then analyzes scholarly article and report reviews in a systematic review of effective DEI practices such as setting DEI goals, having inclusive leadership, flexible work arrangements, and diversity training. In this, methods are based on synthesis of existing findings to provide strategic frameworks to realize DEI. It highlights the significance of inclusive recruitment, bias free hiring, mentorship programs and career development pathways. Examination of critical factors including leadership accountability and culture building is also conducted. The author postulates that organizations that are dedicated to DEI have significantly higher occurrences in innovation, engagement, and overall performance of the employees associated. The paper is a theoretical and practical guide for organisations implementing DEI initiatives in an attempt to develop sustainable and transformational commitments.

## 5. Salter, Nicholas P., & Migliaccio, Leslie (2019) "Allyship as a Diversity and Inclusion Tool in the Workplace."

The aim of this chapter is to conduct an in-depth literature review of this concept called allyship, which in business can be described as non-minorities voluntarily supporting minority groups, and its applicability as a strategic diversity management tool in the workplace. Structured database searches and citation mining were used to synthetize research from organizational and non-organizational contexts. The development of allies (developmental stages and motivational factors), the outcomes of allyship (impact on individuals, organizational culture, and the allies themselves), and what comprises allyship (knowledge, communication, and action) are the three major themes around which the review is organized. The study contributes to research by identifying the practical implications of which organizations need to develop structured ally development programs, supportive policies and inclusive cultures.

### 6. Asriati, A. (2025) "The Role of Leadership in Fostering Diversity and Inclusion: Insights from Existing Literature."

The literature presenting a comprehensive discussion of how leadership impacts diversity and inclusion (D&I) in organizations is reviewed in this study. It applies the academic work of leadership styles, especially transformational and inclusive leadership, to its effect on creating inclusive workplaces. Summarizing, it indicates that good leaders enhance diversity by demonstrating inclusive behavior, promoting diverse recruitment, implementing inclusive training and tackling unconscious bias. As a methodological approach, secondary data from peer – reviewed papers and studies have been used to ascertain key drivers of successful implementation of changes to organizational and logistical processes with regard to participative decision making, communication openness, and an inclusive organizational culture; with more studies having focus on organizational culture. The importance of leadership in shaping where organizational levels of D&I can go is stressed and it is argued that leadership development programs must incorporate the principles of D&I. While inclusive leadership helps to foster innovation and strengthens team cohesion, stakeholders within deceased organizations can cultivate psychologically safe environments, so the paper calls for future longitudinal and interdisciplinary studies to further bolster research-based D&I practices.

#### 7. Booysen, L. (2014) "The Development of Inclusive Leadership Practice and Processes."

Lize Booysen looks at the concept and development of inclusive leadership within a systems-oriented framework in this chapter from Diversity at Work: The Practice of Inclusion. She draws on her years of research to contrast leader development and leadership development, and favored relational, inclusive practices over traditional hierarchical models. The methodology of the thesis was synthesis of leadership theory, practical case analysis, and integration of empirical findings from international contexts. Booysen (2014) also adapted a process model by proposing a process model for inclusive leadership that involves individual, group and organisational level, a process that also proposes for inclusive leadership that actively removes exclusionary barriers. By finding key achievements, several assertions can be derived: inclusive leaders directly impact the intensification of authenticity, belonging and safety of mind in teams. We learn that inclusive leadership is a strategic imperative and not a moral imperative in a diverse and global workforce and that it should be embedded with all leadership development initiatives.

## 8. Daza, M., Wallace, R., Riddell, C., Avu, A., & Ruiz-Graham, C. (2020) "Best Practices for Diversity and Inclusion."

This is a guide to implement diversity and inclusion (D&I) initiatives effectively in organizations by compiling strategies and frameworks. Contemporary best practices are presented by the authors, by way of global reports and academic literature as well as organizational case studies. Some of the key practices mentioned are fostering a sense of belonging, fair hiring and promotion policies, inclusive language, and unconscious bias training. An equally critical aspect included in the document, is leadership's role in pushing D&I culture, providing importance to inclusive leadership and mentoring programs as crucial methods. The compilation is not based on primary empirical research, but it can be used as hands on toolkit for HR professionals and managers. The articles pointed out how embedding D&I in organizational communication, metrics, and development programs enhance employee engagement, innovation, retention.

#### 9. Daya, P. (2014) "Diversity and Inclusion in an Emerging Market Context."

In turn, Preeya Daya's study titled 'Exploring the factors that contribute to diversity and inclusion in the South African workplace: A qualitative study' published in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: An International Journal considers factors that if part of the workplace culture can influence diversity and inclusion in South Africa. A mixed methods approach is used in the research through the use of the Inclusion Index<sup>TM</sup> survey, focus groups and interviews to assess the organizational, interpersonal as well as individual factors leading to an assessment of the state of inclusion in organizations. Organizing elements such as the leadership, the climate, communication, transparency and career path exist on the key organizational dimension. The interpersonal dimension has trust, recognition and engagement. Also, individual level factors, such as personality, self-confidence and personal locus of control come into play. However, the findings of the study show that real inclusion is entirely at the three levels than it is only adhering to employment equity. Daya concludes that one cannot build inclusive and equitable organizations in post-apartheid South Africa without selectively trying to address both structural and relational dynamics simultaneously.

## 10. Jerónimo, H. M., Henriques, P. L., & Carvalho, S. I. (2022) "Being Inclusive Boosts Impact of Diversity Practices on Employee Engagement."

This empirical study seeks to know to what extent the employee perceptions of inclusion mediate the relationship between diversity practices and engagement in a Portuguese telecommunications company. This study employed survey data from 238 employees and conducted a simple linear and multiple linear regression analyses to find that diversity practices do influence engagement positively wherein perception of inclusion is a key mediator. Interestingly, inclusive leadership does not have a direct effect, however, it does broaden perception of inclusion. Our findings show the important role of embedding inclusion in the day-to-day workings and the culture of an organization and the influence of leadership and leadership acts in shaping perceptions of inclusion. It is found in the study that inclusive environments play a positive role in encouraging engagement and sense of belonging and authenticity among employees, thus leading to the conclusion that organizations should focus on perception management in D&I strategies.

# 11. Brimhall, K. C., & Mor Barak, M. E. (2018) "The Critical Role of Workplace Inclusion in Fostering Innovation, Job Satisfaction, and Quality of Care in a Diverse Human Service Organization."

Based on this empirical study, we examine how workplace inclusion leads to innovation, positively predicts employee job satisfaction, and enhances quality of care in human service settings like hospitals. The researchers applied the study to a diverse human service organization with 213 participants across 21 departments using multilevel path analysis to assess relationships of inclusion climate, and employee and service quality outcomes. The study shows that this inclusion has a positive effect on innovation and satisfaction and that these have a positive effect on perceived quality of care. Creating environments that are inclusive and welcoming, where people feel treated as an important member of a team does make people feel valued, and that in itself triggers the creativity and engagement within those people. The authors find that workplace inclusion is not a social ideal, but a strategic critical factor which contributes to the improvement of the service outcomes in different organizational contexts.

### 12. Booker, K. C., & Campbell-Whatley, G. D. (2018) "How Faculty Create Learning Environments for Diversity and Inclusion."

Therefore, this qualitative study reveals how college faculty create supportive learning environments where diversity is increasing on college campuses. The study, conducted with 33 faculty members from a mid-sized U.S. university, uses the focus group methodology to reveal three major strategies in promoting inclusivity: designing courses with inclusion contents, implementing engaging and equitable instructional practices, and serving as role model of professional responsibility in behavior. The students need to psychologically feel safe and belong in order to thrive academically, which are all based on Maslow's belongingness theory. Important findings include the importance of warm, compassionate faculty student relationships and culturally responsive teaching methods. As a whole, the study concludes that faculty are a vital component in creating climate and that positive institutional support of inclusive pedagogy is needed.

## 13. Castelino, L. M., & Shinde, R. (2023) "A Review on Evolution and Importance of Diversity Education and Inclusion in Building an Effective Organizational Culture."

The historical development, the modern significance of diversity education and inclusion in organizational culture were also explored in this review paper. By synthesizing insights from over 125 sources of secondary data from journals, reports and academic literature, the study seeks to utilize this. Evolution of diversity training from the compliance focused to innovative, engaging and effective strategies for employees, innovation and organizational effectiveness is traced. Obstacles discovered involve resistance to change, and shortage of leadership commitment. The research focuses on highlighting that diversity alone is not enough without true inclusion and offers best practices as equity centered policies, inclusive communications, and leadership accountability. At the end, the authors conclude that an inclusive culture at organization enhances organizational agility and the long-term success.

## 14. Babatunde, F., Hussain, A. D., & Omotayo, A. (2023) "Managing Conflicts Arising from Diversity and Inclusion Policies at Workplace."

This paper explores the tactics to control the conflict resulting from the diversity and inclusion (D&I) policies in the workplace. By using both theoretical and practical perspectives, the paper examines sources of conflict that are most common, namely discrimination, bias and exclusion, identifying proactive measures. The authors suggest measures such as developing the culture to become inclusive, enhance communication, and offering tailored training. It also puts emphasis on work life balance, kindness and supportive leadership to minimize any resistance and encourage collaboration. The results of the research show that organizations that effectively deal with their D&I conflicts are cohesive, innovative, and equitable, and emphasize the importance of repeated monitoring and evaluation to sustain such environments.

### 15. Creary, S. J., Rothbard, N., & Scruggs, J. (2021) "Evidence-Based Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Practices: Improving Workplace Culture."

This comprehensive Wharton School report evaluates the extent to which evidence-based DEI practices are supportive of building workplace culture and employee outcomes. The work draws on qualitative insights and data from 1,628 participants to identify seven categories of DEI practices and estimate their effect on 12 workplace outcomes, from factors like belonging,

engagement, job satisfaction to turnover intent. For example, diversity recruitment, mentorship, inclusive training in the workplace, and managerial involvement later increased employee well-being and organizational commitment. According to the authors, DEI needs to be reframed from a compliance issue to a business imperative. According to the report, purposes, measurable DEI methods lead to more fair and more healthy work cultures.

#### 16. Rohwerder, B. (2017) "Impact of Diversity and Inclusion within Organisations."

Based on findings from a rapid desk-based review conducted by Brigitte Rohwerder, this repeats the available evidence on how diversity and inclusion (D&I) enhance individual, team, and organisational effectiveness. The paper uses review of literature in meta-analyses and case study using private sector organizations as its main study. The analysis concludes that although the majority of firms have reported to benefit from enhanced creativity, innovation and customer service, results vary between different contexts. It can be difficult to define and measure D&I and anecdotal evidence tends to trump difficult to execute causal research. The emphasis of the report is on the role of organizational context, leader ship and inclusive culture to generate the positive outcomes of D&I.

# 17. Sharma, S. K., Das, B., Devi, G. B., Lalrosanga, L., Rathod, V. S., & Patil, M. (2025) "Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace: Effects on Team Dynamics and Organizational Success."

This paper is a mixed method study which examines the impact of diversity and inclusion (D&I) on team dynamics and organizational performance based on organizational functions such as IT, healthcare, manufacturing, and finance. Structured surveys were used to gather quantitative data from 150 intact work teams; interviews and focus groups with managers and leaders rendered qualitative insights on the same. Teams with high D&I scores produced significantly better results in collaboration, communication and conflict resolution; higher in innovation and employee retention. The use of regression analysis validated that D&I practices were positively correlated with productivity. The study concludes that a diverse and inclusive group can strengthen cohesion and adaptability of the organization, but that it requires a structured and strategic approach to realize long term effectiveness.

### 18. Royall, S., McCarthy, V., & Miller, G. (2022) "Creating an Inclusive Workplace: The Effectiveness of Diversity Training."

This paper discusses diversity training of the type that can lead to the appearance of more effective inclusive workplace environments. Based on theories of organizational culture, training effectiveness, and equity, authors claim that the traditional diversity training is insufficient unless accompanied by a more cultural shift. Diversity training is feeding into inclusive organizational culture via four pillars which are adaptability, involvement, mission and consistency, suggests the paper with its proposed conceptual model. It undermines tokenistic approaches and lays stress on the need for true, seamless strategies. The result of the research is that effective diversity training is cyclical and iterative, based on leadership commitment and participation of employees in order to create lasting inclusion.

## 19. Igboanugo, S., Yang, J., & Bigelow, P. (2022) "Building a Framework for an Inclusive Workplace Culture: The Diversio Diversity and Inclusion Survey."

This work describes the development and validation of the Diversio Diversity and Inclusion Survey (DDIS), a survey designed to measure inclusions practices in organizations. The instrument, based on five core themes of inclusive culture, fair management, access to networks, flexible working conditions, and safe work environment, was tested on 8,800 working adults who work for 25 companies in North America and Europe. Strong internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha = 0.84) was determined using psychometric analyses. The framework and tool offer organization a way to assess and improve on inclusion related factors. The conclusion of the study is that standardized assessment of workplace inclusion is essential in order to shape effective D&I strategy and to drive sustainable cultural change.

# 20. Kruskal, J. B., Patel, A. K., Levine, D., Canon, C. L., Macura, K. J., Allen, B. J., & Meltzer, C. (2018) "Fostering Diversity and Inclusion: A Summary of the 2017 Intersociety Summer Conference."

This article summarizes the ACR Intersociety Summer Conference on diversity in radiology that took place in 2017. The paper demonstrates the lack of diversity in medical imaging professions and creates an overall strategic roadmap on how to include diversity. Strategies in key focus areas are discussed including unconscious bias trainings, mentorship, culturally

competent care, and institutional accountability attained through having Chief Diversity Officers. The authors make a case for diversity not just in moral terms but in terms of a strategic advantage, as diverse teams perform better and are more innovative. It then calls for sustained, system wide efforts to bridge representation and equity gaps in healthcare.

### 21. Nair, N., & Vohra, N. (2015) "Diversity and Inclusion at the Workplace: A Review of Research and Perspectives."

This working paper by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad offers an in-depth review of diversity and inclusion in global and Indian perspectives to workplace. Using the cultures of inclusion, the authors provide examples of the shift from diversity (i.e., demographic differences to achieve equilibrium), to inclusion (i.e., equitable participation and belonging). The paper synthesizes a vast amount of extant literature pertaining to inclusive environment definitions, theoretical underpinnings, organization practices, and leadership roles required in attaining an inclusive environment. It emphasizes the real value of inclusion—more innovation, higher engagement and performance—with a warning that it's no good if people simply don't feel held back, if it's tokenism or overfocused on visible identities. Based on empirical findings, global reports, and Indian industry cases, the study suggests sustaining and context sensitive approaches of inclusion and advocates further research on intersectionality, leadership, and climate of inclusion to fill the gaps in existing knowledge.

#### 22. Bernstein, R., Weisinger, J., & Buonocore, A. (2021) "Sustainable Inclusion."

This book chapter, dedicated to the concept of sustainable inclusion and a long-term perspective on the integration of inclusive values in organizational systems, discusses the importance of culture in relation to knowledge management and values for enhancing competence and effectiveness of the organization. The authors also argue that these inclusion efforts are often unsuccessful when they are viewed as projects that can be executed on short windows and adopted for a limited period of time. Those key elements include creating psychological safety, encouraging shared responsibility, and establishing infrastructure that backs equity in roles and hierarchies. In conclusion, sustainable inclusion is an intentioned, resilient, and power dynamics aware ongoing process which, as illustrated in this study, can serve as a guide for organisations seeking to implement long lived inclusion cultures.

### 23. Bernstein, R. S., Crary, M., Bilimoria, D., & Blancero, D. M. (2016) "Reflections on Diversity and Inclusion Practices at the Organizational, Group, and Individual Levels."

This chapter from The Oxford Handbook of Diversity in Organizations considers what makes diversity and inclusion (D&I) practices work at organizational, group and individual levels. Based on the combination of the empirics evidenced in this work with the authors' research on the matter, it proposes a framework to support the idea of the 'diversity dividend', i.e., the positive outcomes from effectively leveraging diversified identities and experiences. The paper argues that isolated initiatives are not the most fruitful path to inclusive outcomes; instead, multi-level and integrated efforts are the most fruitful path to inclusive outcomes. Policies and culture that define the norms, team dynamics and communication, and identity safety and empowerment – all at the individual level. It is concluded in the chapter that real D&I success comes not from addressing one level at a time, but from acknowledging interdependencies between levels and using properly tailored interventions aimed at sustaining inclusion in the long term.

# 24. Young, C., Pyke, J., Maharaj, N., Rasmussen, B., & Jones, R. (2018) "Diversity and Inclusion: Building Strength and Capability."

This literature review is commissioned by the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC and evaluates diversity and inclusion (D&I) strategies that are currently present in Australia's Emergency Management Sector (EMS). This brings together grey literature, policy frameworks and academic studies on the systemic, economic and community dimensions of D&I. It further discovers that EMS organizations suffer, in implementing inclusive practices, because they are hierarchical and have a traditionally homogenous culture. Innovation, organizational change, and workforce capability are determined as core themes for effective D&I. It takes a systemic view on the problem arguing that the current approach to D and I initiatives due to absence of a comprehensive framework — the way it is currently being done — is fraught with gaps and remains fragmented. Based on this, the study concludes that D&I is sustainable only when there are coordinated policies and context specific strategies in place for an ever-changing demographic and environmental landscape in Australia.

### 25. Hur, H. (2020) "The Role of Inclusive Work Environment Practices in Promoting LGBT Employee Job Satisfaction and Commitment."

This study attempts to identify how certain inclusive practices affect job satisfaction and organizational commitment of LGBT employees in the United States federal workforce, published in Public Money & Management. Influenced by social exchange theory, survey data is used to analyze to what extent five inclusive work environment processes of fairness, openness, cooperation, support and empowerment impact organizational citizenship behavior (OCB), organizational commitment (OC), and job attitudes in a German company and employee dyads. It is shown that all the practices have a positive impact on job satisfaction and affective commitment, however, the responses from support and from the fairness of treatment are the strongest effects. In the research, the effectiveness varies between different practices and also points out the importance of creating inclusion strategies that are tailored to the specific needs of sexual minority employees. Finally, the implications of this study are discussed for policy to HR managers and public administrators who seek to create inclusive environments in recruiting and retaining diverse talent.

# 26. Goswami, S., & Goswami, B. K. (2017) "Exploring the Relationship between Workforce Diversity, Inclusion and Employee Engagement."

The study aims at measuring the impact of workplace diversity, managerial support and trust in leadership on workplace inclusion and employee's engagement using the responses of 383 employees from diverse private telecom companies in India. The study was done using a structured questionnaire and it did multiple regression analysis and pearson correlation to determine the key predictors of workplace inclusion. Further finding show that workforce diversity ( $\beta$ =0.20), managerial support ( $\beta$ =0.18), and trust in leader ( $\beta$ =0.28) all have significant and positive impact on inclusion. In addition, inclusion itself was positively related to employee engagement ( $\beta$  = 0.29). Finally, the study concludes that creating an inclusive work environment increases employee participation, satisfaction and overall performances of the organizations; as such, HR professionals should have an opportunity to utilize the study to generate the right strategies that will strengthen engagement through inclusive strategies.

### 27. April, K., & Blass, E. (2010) "Measuring Diversity Practice and Developing Inclusion."

In the related conceptual paper, the focus is on creating a psychometrically valid tool to measure organizational diversity practices and inclusion. According to the authors, for a workplace to be truly inclusive, it needs to be looked at through 10 key dimensions, from managerial behavior to emotional wellbeing among employees. The study supports drawing from extensive academic and practical experiences on the fact that diversity in numbers does not essentially translate into inclusivity unless all strands of employees' social identities are recognized and honored. As a result, the index enables organizations to detect where their inclusion efforts are successful or where improvement is needed and establishes a diagnostic framework for targeted improvements. The paper argues for thinking strategically about inclusion that goes beyond compliance, which it explains as inherently healthful for organizations and for employee engagement, over the long run.

### 28. Szymańska, A., & Aldighieri, D. (2017) "Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace: Employee Perception and Implications for Internal Brand Management."

This study presented in 1st ICABML Conference, examines how practices of D&I affect employees' perception and internal branding in Polish companies. The authors then used statistical tools such as Mann–Whitney U test, Kruskal–Wallis ANOVA as well as Spearman's correlation to look at gender and position-based differences in perception of D&I practices. The study revealed that the inclusive practices have consequently impact to internal brand loyalty, organizational commitment, and alignment of employee's value with company vision. The authors focus their argument towards the promotion of this concept as a means to uplift employee engagement and organisation image through the combination of internal branding and the D&I. The empirical recommendations provided by the study are compatible with aligning D&I with retention strategy of talent and the brand strategy in fluid labor markets.

# 29. Irim, S., Salman, M., & Rauf, N. (2024) "The Role of HRM in Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the Workplace."

This paper investigates the impact of HRM practices on both DEI and on organizational performance in the context of Pakistan's corporate realm. The study assesses the relationships

among HRM commitment to DEI, gender sensitive practices, employee satisfaction and organizational performance using quantitative mediation analysis. Results indicate that gender is significantly related to HRM strategies working towards DEI and that HRM's attitude towards DEI contributes positively to performance. But, surprise lie: there was little association between DEI and retention or turnover. The study highlights the strategic nature of HRM to integrate DEI in corporate culture and provides culturally customized insights on the ways to bolster inclusion and social equity in Pakistani workplaces.

# 30. Shugart, A., Raftery, C., Ridgway, S., Sueoka, S., Norman, D., & Yamasaki, C. (2018) "Diversity and Inclusion in Observatory Operations: Advocating for and Implementing Positive Change."

Thus, this paper emphasizes the need for diversity and inclusion at astronomical research institutions through demographic data and real experience with international observatories. The authors, drawing from cross disciplinary research, reveal that diverse scientific teams surpass same or similar scientific teams as they are much better in innovation, decision making, problem solving, and more. The paper also covers inclusion strategies including leadership training, policy reforms, employee resource groups, and demographic tracking. It concludes that it is essential to create an inclusive environment which will give way to sustainable diversity and the science organizations will need to invest in the systemic changes to make participation by underrepresented groups possible. This is to provide a replicable toolkit for similar scientific and academic institutions to improve their level of inclusion.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF STUDY

#### 2.1 Statement of the Problem:

A diverse and inclusive workplace not only enhances employee engagement and satisfaction but also contributes to innovation, productivity, and a positive organizational culture. Despite these recognized benefits, the practical implementation and impact of D&I practices often vary across organizations.

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), being a global leader in IT services, employs a workforce that is culturally, ethnically, and professionally diverse. While TCS has implemented several D&I initiatives, it becomes imperative to assess how effectively these practices are perceived by employees and whether they contribute to creating a positive and inclusive workplace environment.

This study seeks to understand the role of diversity and inclusion practices in influencing the overall work culture at TCS. It aims to explore whether these practices lead to increased employee satisfaction, reduced bias, better collaboration, and a stronger sense of belonging among employees. The research addresses the gap between policy implementation and employee perception, and examines whether D&I initiatives at TCS are truly fostering a positive, respectful, and inclusive work environment.

### 2.2 Objectives of the Study:

- 1. To study the role of diversity and inclusion (D&I) practices in fostering a positive workplace environment at TATA Consultancy Services (TCS).
- 2. To analyze the impact of D&I initiatives on employee engagement and job satisfaction.
- 3. To identify key factors influencing the success of D&I programs within the organization.
- 4. To explore challenges faced in implementing and maintaining an inclusive workplace culture.

#### 2.3 Scope of the Study:

The study focuses on analyzing the role of diversity and inclusion practices in creating a positive workplace environment at TATA Consultancy Services. It covers the perceptions and experiences of employees regarding D&I initiatives within the organization.

#### 2.4 Rationale of the Study:

Diversity and inclusion have become essential components of modern workplace culture, contributing significantly to employee satisfaction, innovation, and overall organizational success. As a leading global IT company, TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) employs individuals from various backgrounds, making the effective implementation of diversity and inclusion practices crucial. This study is undertaken to understand how these practices impact the work environment at TCS, particularly in terms of employee perception, engagement, and workplace harmony. By evaluating the effectiveness of D&I initiatives, the study aims to highlight their contribution to creating a positive and inclusive workplace, while also identifying areas for improvement.

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### 3.1 Research Design

The research design adopted for this study is descriptive in nature. The study employed a mixed-method approach combining both qualitative and quantitative research designs, which allowed for a comprehensive understanding of how diversity and inclusion contribute to a positive workplace environment.

#### 3.2 Sources of Data Collection

#### 3.2.1 Primary Data

Primary data was collected through the distribution of a structured questionnaire to employees of TATA Consultancy Services.

#### 3.2.2 Secondary Data

Secondary data was gathered from various sources including company reports, HR policy documents, previous research papers, online journals, and official websites related to diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

### 3.3 Sampling Design and Technique

#### 3.3.1 Sample Size

The sample size for the study is 100 respondents. This number was deemed sufficient to draw meaningful conclusions within the scope and time limitations of the study.

#### 3.3.2 Sample Unit

The sample unit consists of employees working at various levels within TATA Consultancy Services, across different departments and locations, to ensure diverse representation.

#### 3.3.3 Sampling Technique

The study employed the Convenient Sampling Technique, a non-probability sampling method where respondents were selected based on their availability and willingness to participate.

#### 3.4 Tools used for Data Analysis

The collected data was analyzed using Percentage Analysis, and the findings were represented using Tables and Pie Charts to ensure clarity and ease of interpretation. Tools such as percentage analysis, Chi-square tests, Spearman's correlation, and Kruskal-Wallis tests were used to analyze the data and test relevant hypotheses.

#### 3.5 Period of the Study

The study was conducted over a period of 90 days, which included data collection, analysis, and reporting.

#### 3.6 Limitations of the Study:

- The study is limited to employees of TATA Consultancy Services only.
- The sample size is restricted to 100 respondents, which may not represent the entire organization.
- Data collection was based on a structured questionnaire, which may limit the depth of responses.
- The study used convenient sampling, which may introduce bias.
- The research was conducted over a limited time frame of 90 days.
- Responses are based on individual perceptions, which may vary widely.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

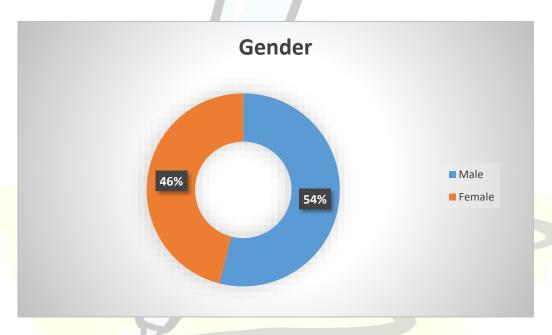
### DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1. Gender:

Table no. 4.1

"Gender"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Male"	54	54%
"Female"	46	46%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.1



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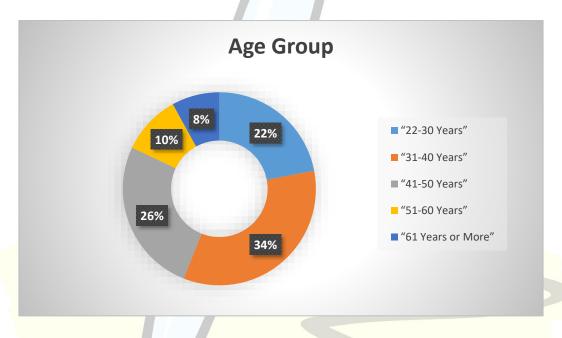
The data shows a fairly balanced gender distribution among the respondents, with 54% male and 46% female participants. This indicates that the views collected in the study reflect perspectives from both genders almost equally, allowing for a more inclusive understanding of diversity and inclusion practices at TCS.

#### 2. Age Group:

Table no. 4.2

"Age Group"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"22-30 Years"	22	22%
"31-40 Years"	34	34%
"41-50 Years"	26	26%
"51-60 Years"	10	10%
"61 Years or More"	8	8%
"Total"	100	100%

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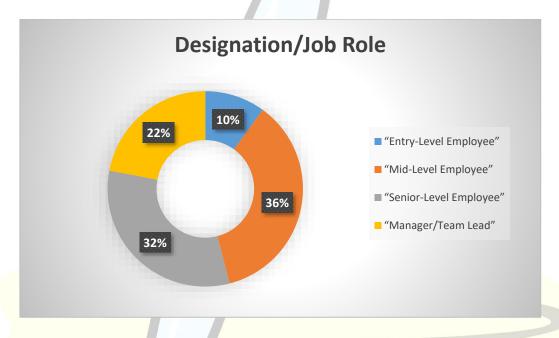
The majority of respondents fall within the 31-40 age group (34%), followed by 41-50 years (26%) and 22-30 years (22%). This suggests that the study mainly represents mid-career professionals, providing insights from individuals likely to have substantial workplace experience.

#### 3. Designation/Job Role:

Table no. 4.3

"Designation/Job Role"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Entry-Level Employee"	10	10%
"Mid-Level Employee"	36	36%
"Senior-Level Employee"	32	32%
"Manager/Team Lead"	22	22%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.3



#### **Interpretation:**

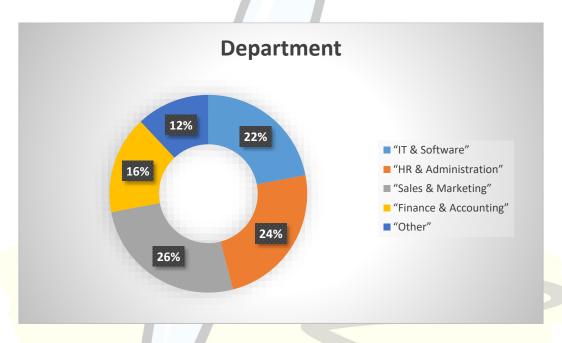
The responses are well-distributed across different job roles, with the highest representation from mid-level (36%) and senior-level employees (32%), followed by managers/team leads (22%) and entry-level employees (10%). This indicates that the study captures diverse perspectives across various levels of the organizational hierarchy.

#### 4. Department:

Table no. 4.4

"Department"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"IT & Software"	22	22%
"HR & Administration"	24	24%
"Sales & Marketing"	26	26%
"Finance & Accounting"	16	16%
"Other"	12	12%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.4



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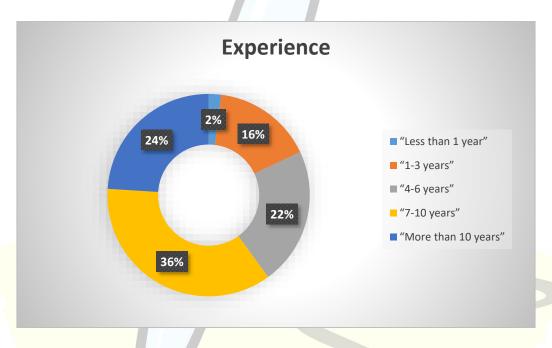
The respondents come from a variety of departments, with the highest participation from Sales & Marketing (26%), followed by HR & Administration (24%) and IT & Software (22%). This diverse departmental representation adds depth to the study by reflecting opinions from different functional areas within TCS.

#### 5. Years of Experience at TCS

Table no. 4.5

"Experience"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Less than 1 year"	2	2%
"1-3 years"	16	16%
"4-6 years"	22	22%
"7-10 years"	36	36%
"More than 10 years"	24	24%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.5



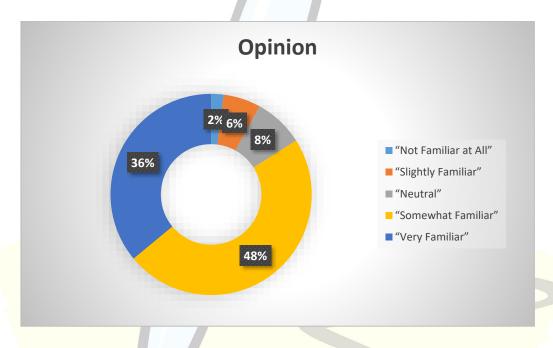
#### **Interpretation:**

The majority of respondents have significant experience at TCS, with 36% having 7-10 years and 24% with over 10 years of service. This suggests that the insights gathered are largely from employees who have had ample exposure to the company's diversity and inclusion practices over time.

### 6. How familiar are you with TCS's Diversity and Inclusion policies? Table no. 4.6

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Not Familiar at All"	2	2%
"Slightly Familiar"	6	6%
"Neutral"	8	8%
"Somewhat Familiar"	48	48%
"Very Familiar"	36	36%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.6



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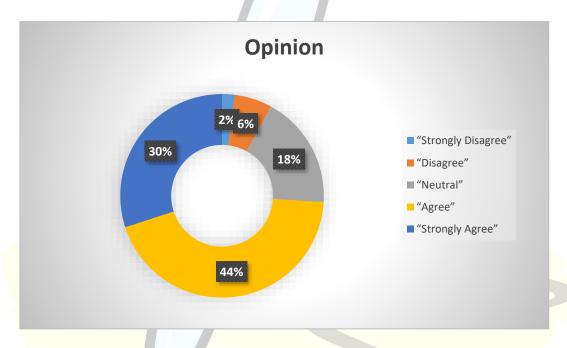
A large majority of respondents are aware of TCS's Diversity and Inclusion policies, with 48% being somewhat familiar and 36% very familiar. This indicates a strong level of awareness among employees, reflecting the visibility and communication of D&I initiatives within the organization.

### 7. Do you believe that TCS promotes diversity in the workplace?

Table no. 4.7

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	6	6%
"Neutral"	18	18%
"Agree"	44	44%
"Strongly Agree"	30	30%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.7



#### **Interpretation:**

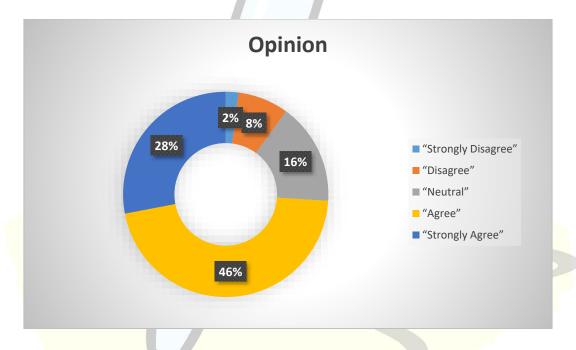
The majority of respondents (74%) agree or strongly agree that TCS promotes diversity in the workplace, indicating a positive perception of the company's efforts toward fostering an inclusive environment. Only a small percentage (8%) expressed disagreement, showing overall support for the organization's diversity initiatives.

8. TCS provides equal opportunities for all employees, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or background.

Table no. 4.8

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	8	8%
"Neutral"	16	16%
"Agree"	46	46%
"Strongly Agree"	28	28%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.8



#### **Interpretation:**

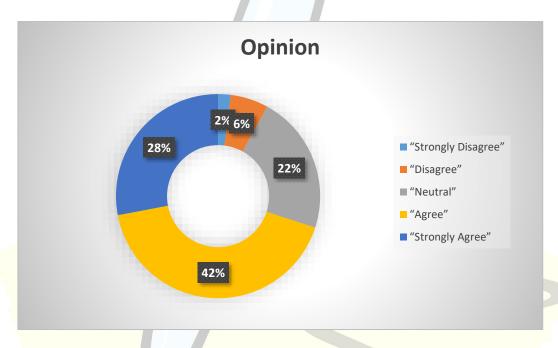
A significant majority of respondents (74%) agree or strongly agree that TCS provides equal opportunities to all employees, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or background. This reflects a strong belief in the organization's commitment to fairness and inclusivity in its workplace practices.

### 9. Do you feel included and valued as an employee at TCS?

Table no. 4.9

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	6	6%
"Neutral"	22	22%
"Agree"	42	42%
"Strongly Agree"	28	28%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.9



#### **Interpretation:**

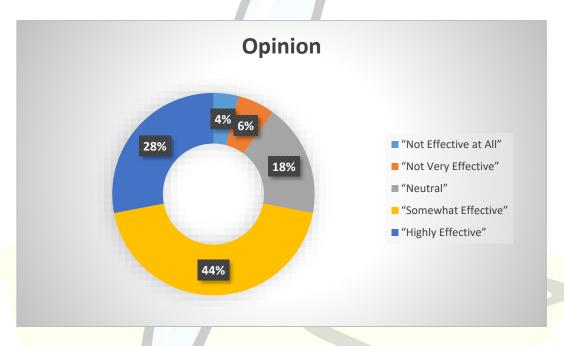
Most respondents (70%) feel included and valued at TCS, as shown by the combined responses of "Agree" and "Strongly Agree." While 22% remain neutral, only a small portion (8%) expressed disagreement, indicating a generally positive perception of inclusiveness within the organization.

10. How effective are TCS's initiatives in promoting workplace inclusivity?

Table no. 4.10

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Not Effective at All"	4	4%
"Not Very Effective"	6	6%
"Neutral"	18	18%
"Somewhat Effective"	44	44%
"Highly Effective"	28	28%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.10



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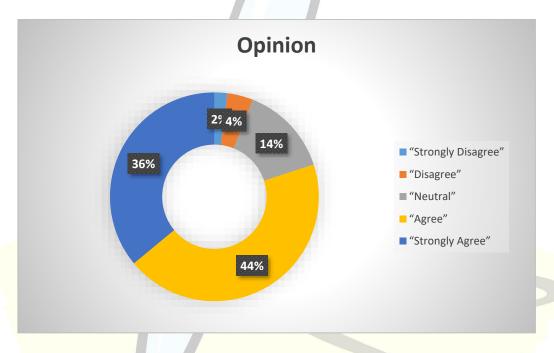
A majority of respondents (72%) consider TCS's initiatives to be effective in promoting workplace inclusivity, with 44% finding them somewhat effective and 28% rating them as highly effective. This indicates a strong positive perception of the company's efforts, despite a small percentage (10%) viewing them as ineffective.

#### 11. TCS's D&I policies have positively impacted my job satisfaction.

Table no. 4.11

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	4	4%
"Neutral"	14	14%
"Agree"	44	44%
"Strongly Agree"	36	36%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.11



### **Interpretation:**

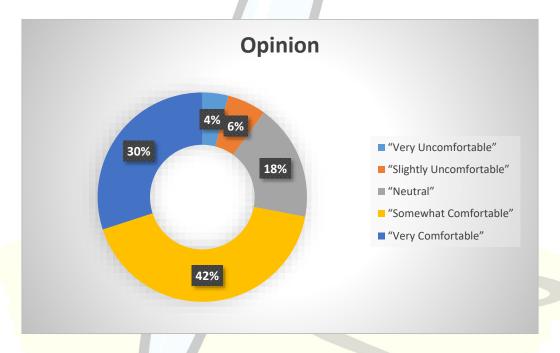
A large majority of respondents (80%) agree or strongly agree that TCS's Diversity and Inclusion policies have positively impacted their job satisfaction. This reflects the strong influence of inclusive practices on employee morale and overall workplace experience.

12. How comfortable do you feel expressing your ideas and opinions in your team?

Table no. 4.12

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Very Uncomfortable"	4	4%
"Slightly Uncomfortable"	6	6%
"Neutral"	18	18%
"Somewhat Comfortable"	42	42%
"Very Comfortable"	30	30%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.12



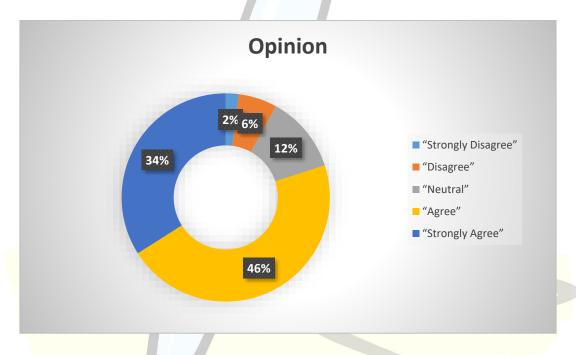
#### **Interpretation:**

The majority of respondents (72%) feel comfortable expressing their ideas and opinions within their team, indicating a supportive and open team environment at TCS. Only 10% reported discomfort, suggesting that most employees experience a culture of mutual respect and inclusivity.

# 13. Does your manager/supervisor support diversity and inclusion in your team? Table no. 4.13

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	6	6%
"Neutral"	12	12%
"Agree"	46	46%
"Strongly Agree"	34	34%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.13



### **Interpretation:**

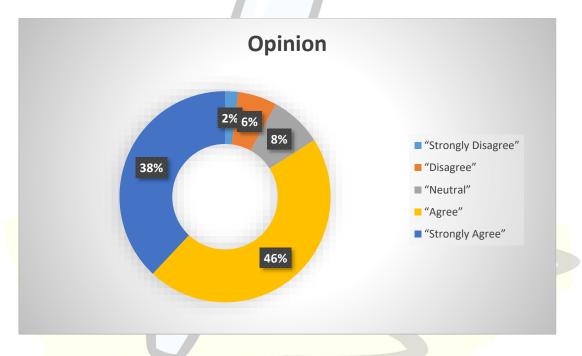
A strong majority of respondents (80%) agree or strongly agree that their manager or supervisor supports diversity and inclusion within the team. This highlights the active role of leadership in fostering an inclusive work culture at TCS, with minimal disagreement (8%).

# 14. TCS's commitment to diversity and inclusion makes me more likely to stay with the company long-term.

Table no. 4.14

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	6	6%
"Neutral"	8	8%
"Agree"	46	46%
"Strongly Agree"	38	38%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.14



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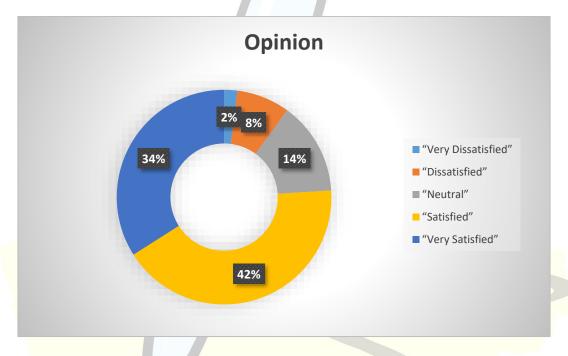
An overwhelming 84% of respondents agree or strongly agree that TCS's commitment to diversity and inclusion positively influences their intention to stay with the company long-term. This indicates that inclusive workplace practices significantly contribute to employee retention and loyalty.

15. How satisfied are you with TCS's overall diversity and inclusion efforts?

Table no. 4.15

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Very Dissatisfied"	2	2%
"Dissatisfied"	8	8%
"Neutral"	14	14%
"Satisfied"	42	42%
"Very Satisfied"	34	34%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.15



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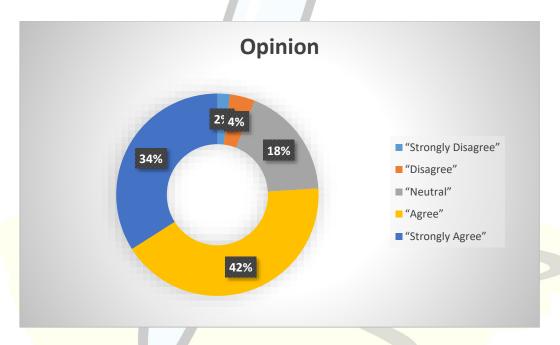
A large majority of respondents (76%) are satisfied or very satisfied with TCS's overall diversity and inclusion efforts, reflecting a positive reception of the company's initiatives. Only a small portion (10%) expressed dissatisfaction, indicating general approval of the organization's D&I practices.

# 16. TCS provides adequate training and awareness programs on diversity and inclusion.

Table no. 4.16

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%
"Disagree"	4	4%
"Neutral"	18	18%
"Agree"	42	42%
"Strongly Agree"	34	34%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.16



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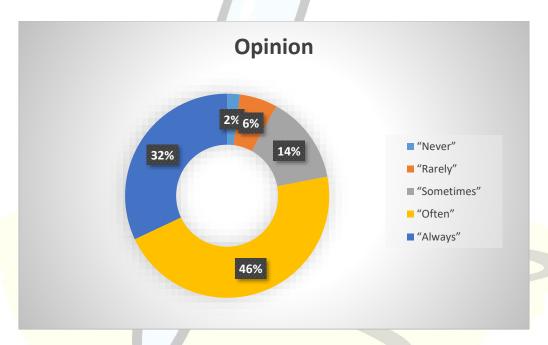
Most respondents (76%) agree or strongly agree that TCS provides adequate training and awareness programs on diversity and inclusion. This suggests that the company actively invests in educating employees and promoting a culture of inclusivity across the organization.

# 17. How often do you participate in diversity and inclusion programs or initiatives at TCS?

Table no. 4.17

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Never"	2	2%
"Rarely"	6	6%
"Sometimes"	14	14%
"Often"	46	46%
"Always"	32	32%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.17



#### **Interpretation:**

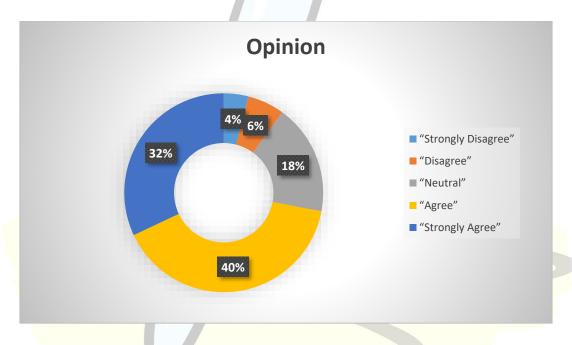
A significant majority of respondents (78%) participate often or always in diversity and inclusion programs at TCS, indicating strong employee engagement with the company's D&I initiatives. Very few (8%) reported low or no participation, highlighting overall active involvement.

# 18. TCS ensures fair treatment and unbiased opportunities for career growth and promotions.

**Table no. 4.18** 

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	4	4%
"Disagree"	6	6%
"Neutral"	18	18%
"Agree"	40	40%
"Strongly Agree"	32	32%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.18



#### **Interpretation:**

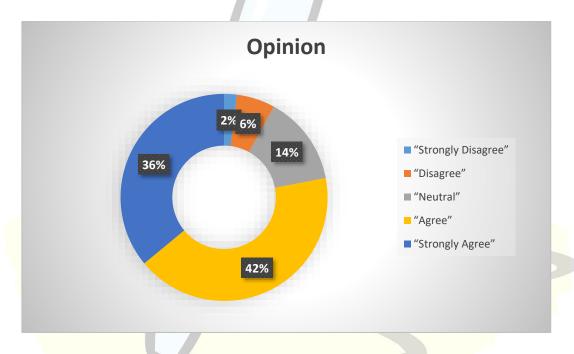
A majority of respondents (72%) believe that TCS ensures fair treatment and unbiased opportunities for career growth and promotions. This reflects a strong perception of equity and meritocracy within the organization, with only a small percentage (10%) expressing disagreement.

# 19. The leadership at TCS actively promotes and supports diversity and inclusion in decision-making.

Table no. 4.19

"Opinion"	"Opinion" "No. of Respondents"		"Opinion" "No. of Respondents" "Percentage"	
"Strongly Disagree"	2	2%		
"Disagree"	6	6%		
"Neutral"	14	14%		
"Agree"	42	42%		
"Strongly Agree"	36	36%		
"Total"	100	100%		

Chart no. 4.19



#### **Interpretation:**

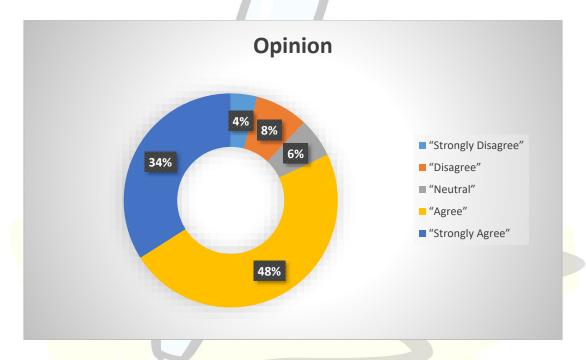
A majority of respondents (78%) agree or strongly agree that the leadership at TCS actively promotes and supports diversity and inclusion in decision-making. This indicates a strong top-down commitment to fostering an inclusive culture within the organization.

# 20. Have you witnessed any positive changes in workplace culture due to diversity and inclusion initiatives at TCS?

Table no. 4.20

"Opinion"	"No. of Respondents"	"Percentage"
"Strongly Disagree"	4	4%
"Disagree"	8	8%
"Neutral"	6	6%
"Agree"	48	48%
"Strongly Agree"	34	34%
"Total"	100	100%

Chart no. 4.20



#### Interpretation:

A vast majority of respondents (82%) agree or strongly agree that they have witnessed positive changes in workplace culture due to diversity and inclusion initiatives at TCS. This suggests that the efforts made by the organization are not only well-received but also visibly impactful.

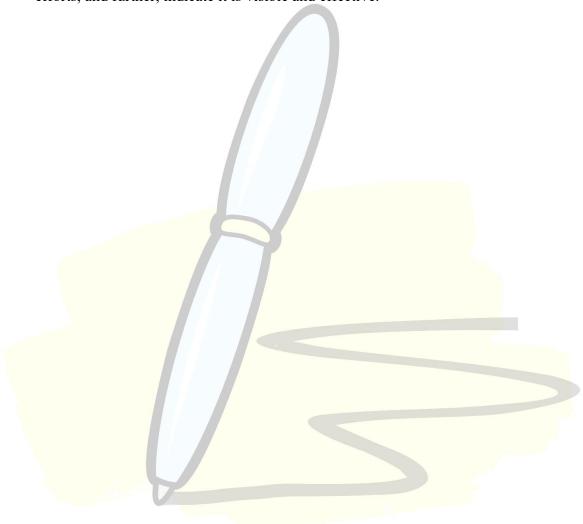
#### **CHAPTER 5**

#### FINDINGS SUGGESTIONS AND CONCLUSION

#### 5.1. Findings of the Study:

- Most of the participants had long tenure at TCS, more than 60% having experience of more than 7 years, thereby giving them a point of view developed through long term exposure in the organization.
- 84% of the employees, on account of that, were aware of TCS's diversity and inclusion policy, thus indicating effective communication and awareness regarding the same.
- Of the 74% of respondents who agreed that TCS promotes workplace diversity, it is evident that most respondents perceive the organization's inclusivity efforts positively.
- 74% believed that TCS provides equal opportunities to all employees without bargaining on the ground of gender, ethnicity or the background.
- In TCS, 70% of the employees felt included and valued which suggests that inclusion is strengthened through the workplace culture.
- 72% agreed that TCS's D&I initiatives have effectively promoted inclusiveness, indicating a good confidence in how the company has approached D&I.
- In addition, 80% of employees stated that D&I policies had a positive effect on their job happiness, indicating a solid relationship between inclusive methods and staff morale.
- Moreover, as a combined 72% of employees felt comfortable expressing their ideas in their teams, it means that the environment here is open and supportive to employees.
- 80% of respondents said that their managers support diversity and inclusion, displaying a great reverberation between leadership and inclusive values.
- Additionally, inclusion plays an important role in retention as 84% of employees said that TCS's D&I commitment makes them more likely to stay with the company.
- Of the 76%, 60% said they were satisfied and 16% said they were very satisfied with TCS's overall D&I efforts thus pointing out that the initiatives meet the employees' expectations.
- 76% agreed that TCS has done sufficient justice to include diversity and inclusion education and awareness programs, showing significant organizational expenditure on the same.

- Twenty seven percent of the employees get involved in D&I programs on regular basis which is a sign of their high level participation in such programs.
- 72% of them agreed to the fact that TCS offers fair or unbiased chances to promotion and it is merit based.
- 78% thought leadership at TCS actively backs D&I in decision making and a culture based on inclusive leadership.
- 81% of respondents indicate they observed positive cultural shifts as a result of D&I efforts, and further, indicate it is visible and effective.



#### **5.2. Suggestions:**

- Further immerse leadership in the Promotion Process: Though leadership is widely visible in this process, their visible presence has little influence on how fairly people perceive they get promoted. It means that now there is more basis for TCS to align its leadership actions with transparent and fair career growth opportunities.
- Offer Inclusive Leadership Training: Offer specialised training to managers to improve their skills in supporting diverse teams, and creating open lines of communication, thereby, making employees more comfortable sharing across the board.
- Enhance D&I Initiatives: Continue to inspire and motivate employees to participate in D&I programs to increase the rate of participation and satisfaction throughout the organization.
- Empowerment for Fairness and Fair Advancement: Strength the focus on transparent promotion and career advancement criteria to create a sense of fairness and equality for employees in opportunities.
- Foster Feedback Loops: Collect employees' feedback on the D&I initiatives frequently and utilize it to refine and enhance policies so that they always stay relevant and helpful.
- Celebrate D&I Success Stories: Demonstrate how D&I initiatives have directly benefitted employee experiences by telling real life examples of the successes and build stronger awareness and buy in.

#### 5.3. Conclusion:

The study on the role of Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) practices in creating a positive workplace environment at TATA Consultancy Services reveals that TCS has successfully cultivated an inclusive culture appreciated by the majority of its employees. Most respondents expressed familiarity with D&I policies, reported active participation in related programs, and acknowledged positive changes in workplace culture resulting from these initiatives. The findings highlight that D&I practices at TCS positively influence job satisfaction, employee retention, and open communication within teams.

Statistical analyses further confirmed significant relationships between D&I initiatives and key organizational outcomes such as satisfaction, inclusion, and employee engagement. However, the study also identified areas for improvement, such as enhancing leadership visibility in promoting fairness and increasing awareness among the remaining segment of employees less familiar with D&I efforts.

TCS's commitment to diversity and inclusion has made a meaningful impact, and with continuous improvement and employee involvement, it can further strengthen its position as an inclusive and forward-thinking organization.

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### **ANNEXURE**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

- 1. Gender:
  - a) Male
  - b) Female
- 2. Age Group:
  - a) 22-30 years
  - b) 30-40 years
  - c) 41-50 years
  - d) 51-60 years
  - e) Above 61 years
- 3. Designation/Job Role:
  - a) Entry-Level Employee
  - b) Mid-Level Employee
  - c) Senior-Level Employee
  - d) Manager/Team Lead
- 4. Department:
  - a) IT & Software
  - b) HR & Administration
  - c) Sales & Marketing
  - d) Finance & Accounting
  - e) Other
- 5. Years of Experience at TCS:
  - a) Less than 1 year
  - b) 1-3 years
  - c) 4-6 years
  - d) 7-10 years
  - e) More than 10 years

	b) Slightly Familiar
	c) Neutral
	d) Somewhat Familiar
	e) Very Familiar
7.	Do you believe that TCS promotes diversity in the workplace?
	a) Strongly Disagree
	b) Disagree
	c) Neutral
	d) Agree
	e) Strongly Agree
8.	TCS provides equal opportunities for all employees, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or
	background.
	a) Strongly Disagree
	b) Disagree
	c) Neutral
	d) Agree
	e) Strongly Agree
9.	Do you feel included and valued as an employee at TCS?
	a) Strongly Disagree
	b) Disagree
	c) Neutral
	d) Agree
	e) Strongly Agree
10	. How effective are TCS's initiatives in promoting workplace inclusivity?
	a) Not Effective at All
	b) Not Very Effective
	c) Neutral
	d) Somewhat Effective
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6. How familiar are you with TCS's Diversity and Inclusion policies?

a) Not Familiar at All

e) Highly Effective 11. TCS's D&I policies have positively impacted my job satisfaction. a) Strongly Disagree b) Disagree c) Neutral d) Agree e) Strongly Agree 12. How comfortable do you feel expressing your ideas and opinions in your team? a) Very Uncomfortable b) Slightly Uncomfortable c) Neutral d) Somewhat Comfortable e) Very Comfortable 13. Does your manager/supervisor support diversity and inclusion in your team? a) Strongly Disagree b) Disagree c) Neutral d) Agree e) Strongly Agree 14. TCS's commitment to diversity and inclusion makes me more likely to stay with the company long-term. a) Strongly Disagree b) Disagree c) Neutral d) Agree e) Strongly Agree 15. How satisfied are you with TCS's overall diversity and inclusion efforts? a) Very Dissatisfied

b) Dissatisfied

c)	Neutral
d)	Satisfied
e)	Very Satisfied
16. TC	CS provides adequate training and awareness programs on diversity and inclusion.
a)	Strongly Disagree
b)	Disagree
c)	Neutral
d)	Agree
e)	Strongly Agree
17. Ho	ow often do you participate in diversity and inclusion programs or initiatives at TCS?
a)	Never
b)	Rarely
c)	Sometimes
d)	Often
e)	Always
18. TC	CS ensures fair treatment and unbiased opportunities for career growth and
pro	omotions.
a)	Strongly Disagree
b)	Disagree
c)	Neutral
d)	Agree
e)	Strongly Agree
19. Th	e leadership at TCS actively promotes and supports diversity and inclusion in
de	cision-making.
a)	Strongly Disagree
b)	Disagree
c)	Neutral
d)	Agree
e)	Strongly Agree

- 20. Have you witnessed any positive changes in workplace culture due to diversity and inclusion initiatives at TCS?
  - a) Strongly Disagree
  - b) Disagree
  - c) Neutral
  - d) Agree
  - e) Strongly Agree

