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# KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AS A STRATEGIC CAPABILITY: EXAMINING THE INFLUENCE OF KNOWLEDGE SHARING, LEADERSHIP SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY ON EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE IN THE IT SECTOR

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**Abstract**

Organisations are realising more and more that knowledge is a vital strategic asset that helps them maintain a competitive edge in today's knowledge-driven market. In order to improve employee productivity and organisational success, the Information Technology (IT) sector—which is distinguished by quick technological breakthroughs, creativity, and ongoing learning—heavily depends on efficient knowledge management (KM) techniques. With a focus on knowledge sharing, leadership support, organisational incentives, and technology-enabled collaboration, this study examines how knowledge management methods affect employee performance in the IT industry. A structured questionnaire was used to gather primary data from 100 IT workers using a descriptive study approach.The associations between important variables were investigated using Pearson correlation analysis and percentage analysis. The results show that workers believe knowledge management has a major role in improving work quality, innovation, problem-solving, and organisational competitiveness. Strong positive correlations have been found between knowledge management practices and employee productivity ($r = .789$, $p < .001$), leadership support and successful KM implementation ($r = .810$, $p < .001$), knowledge sharing and knowledge utilisation ($r = .839$, $p < .001$), and knowledge management tools and employee collaboration ($r = .859$, $p < .001$). The study emphasises the strategic significance of cultivating a culture of information sharing backed by technological infrastructure and leadership dedication. By offering empirical data from the IT industry and practical managerial implications, the findings add to the expanding corpus of knowledge management literature.

**Keywords:** Knowledge Management, Knowledge Sharing, Employee Performance, Leadership Support, Technology, Knowledge Utilization, Employee Collaboration, IT Sector, Organizational Learning, Competitive Advantage

## Introduction

The twenty-first century business environment is increasingly characterized by knowledge-intensive operations, digital transformation, technological innovation, and global competition. In this rapidly evolving landscape, knowledge has appeared as one of the most valuable organizational resources, surpassing traditional factors such as land, labour, and capital in its ability to create sustainable competitive advantage. Organizations today operate in an environment where success depends not only on acquiring information but also on effectively managing, sharing, and utilizing knowledge to improve decision-making, innovation, and performance. Consequently, knowledge management (KM) has become a critical organizational capability that enables firms to leverage intellectual resources and achieve long-term growth.

Knowledge management refers to the systematic process of creating, acquiring, storing, sharing, transferring, and applying knowledge within an organization to achieve strategic objectives (Davenport & Prusak,2019). Effective knowledge management facilitates organizational learning, enhances employee competence, improves problem-solving capabilities, and promotes innovation. It enables organizations to capture valuable expertise from employees and transform individual knowledge into collective organizational knowledge. In the modern knowledge economy, organizations that effectively manage knowledge resources are better positioned to respond to market changes, technological disruptions, and competitive challenges.

The Information Technology (IT) sector provides a particularly relevant context for examining knowledge management practices. Unlike traditional industries that rely heavily on physical assets, IT organizations depend primarily on human capital, expertise, creativity, and intellectual capabilities. Employees in IT firms continuously engage in knowledge-intensive activities such as software development, systems analysis, cybersecurity management, artificial intelligence applications, cloud computing, and digital innovation. Consequently, the success of IT organizations depends significantly on their ability to create, share, and utilize knowledge effectively.

The increasing complexity of technological systems and business processes has further emphasized the importance of knowledge management within IT organizations. Employees frequently encounter new technologies, programming frameworks, project methodologies, and client requirements. Without effective mechanisms for capturing and sharing knowledge, organizations risk losing valuable expertise, duplicating efforts, and reducing operational efficiency. Knowledge management practices help address these challenges by facilitating the transfer of knowledge across teams, departments, and organizational levels.

Previous research has consistently demonstrated the positive relationship between knowledge management and organizational performance. Nonaka and Takeuchi (2019) emphasized that knowledge creation serves as a foundation for innovation and organizational learning. Alavi and Leidner (2020) argued that effective knowledge management systems enhance organizational capabilities by improving knowledge creation, storage, retrieval, transfer, and application processes. Similarly, Wang and Noe (2020) found that knowledge sharing significantly contributes to employee productivity, innovation, and job satisfaction. These studies collectively suggest that knowledge management plays a crucial role in enhancing organizational effectiveness and competitive advantage.

Despite substantial investments in knowledge management technologies and systems, many organizations continue to face challenges in implementing effective KM practices. Several barriers hinder successful knowledge sharing, including organizational culture, lack of trust, insufficient leadership support, inadequate incentives, and technological limitations. Employees may be reluctant to share knowledge due to concerns about job security, lack of recognition, or absence of collaborative environments. Consequently, understanding the factors that influence knowledge management effectiveness remains an important area of research.

Leadership support represents one of the most significant determinants of successful knowledge management implementation. Organizational leaders play a crucial role in establishing a culture that encourages knowledge sharing, collaboration, and continuous learning. Leaders influence employee attitudes and behaviors by promoting open communication, recognizing knowledge contributions, and providing resources necessary for KM initiatives. Research indicates that organizations with strong leadership support are more likely to achieve successful knowledge management outcomes and higher levels of employee engagement.

Technology also serves as a critical enabler of knowledge management. Modern organizations increasingly utilize digital platforms, intranets, knowledge repositories, artificial intelligence tools, collaboration software, and enterprise information systems to facilitate knowledge sharing and communication. These technologies provide employees with convenient access to information, support collaborative work environments, and enhance organizational learning capabilities. However, technological solutions alone are insufficient unless supported by appropriate organizational culture and leadership commitment.

Another essential element of efficient knowledge management is knowledge sharing. It entails the sharing of knowledge, experience, skills, and knowledge between individuals and groups inside an organization. Employees may learn from one another, avoid making the same mistakes twice, solve issues more quickly, and come up with creative solutions by exchanging expertise. Strong knowledge-sharing cultures are frequently associated with increased employee performance, productivity, and creativity.

In addition to knowledge sharing, organizational incentives and recognition systems play an important role in motivating employees to contribute knowledge. Employees are more likely to participate in knowledge-sharing activities when they perceive that their contributions are valued and rewarded. Effective reward systems reinforce positive behaviors and encourage the development of collaborative organizational cultures.

Although knowledge management has been extensively studied, existing literature reveals several research gaps. Many studies focus primarily on organizational-level outcomes while paying limited attention to employee-level performance indicators. Furthermore, relatively few studies have simultaneously examined the combined effects of knowledge sharing, leadership support, organizational incentives, and technology-enabled collaboration within the context of the Indian IT sector. Given the growing importance of knowledge-intensive work and digital transformation, there is a need for empirical research that investigates how these factors collectively influence employee productivity and organizational effectiveness.

The present study addresses this gap by examining knowledge management practices among employees in the IT sector. Specifically, the study investigates the relationships between knowledge management practices, employee productivity, leadership support, knowledge utilization, and technology-enabled collaboration. By exploring these relationships, the study contributes to the growing body of knowledge management literature and provides practical insights for organizations seeking to improve employee performance through effective knowledge management strategies.

The study has three goals. The study's initial goal is to assess how much knowledge management techniques affect workers' productivity in the IT industry. Second, it looks at how technology, organisational culture, and leadership support all contribute to successful knowledge management adoption. Third, the study looks into how employee collaboration and knowledge utilisation are affected by knowledge management and sharing systems.

It is anticipated that the research's conclusions will make significant theoretical and practical advances. From a theoretical standpoint, the study adds to the body of knowledge management literature by combining several KM dimensions into a single empirical framework. Practically speaking, the results provide managers and policymakers with direction on how to create knowledge management strategies that improve employee performance, organisational learning, and competitive advantage.

As organizations continue to navigate increasingly complex and knowledge-intensive environments, understanding the mechanisms through which knowledge management influences employee outcomes becomes essential. The present study therefore seeks to contribute to this understanding by providing empirical evidence on the strategic role of knowledge management in improving employee performance within the IT sector.

## Literature Review and Hypotheses Development

### Knowledge Management: Concept and Evolution

Knowledge management (KM) has emerged as one of the most significant organizational practices in the modern knowledge economy. As organizations increasingly rely on intellectual capital and employee expertise, knowledge has become a strategic resource that influences organizational performance, innovation, and competitiveness. According to Davenport and Prusak (2019), knowledge management refers to the systematic process of capturing, organizing, sharing, and applying organizational knowledge to improve decision-making and performance. Effective KM enables organizations to transform individual expertise into collective organizational intelligence.

Nonaka and Takeuchi (2019) proposed the Knowledge-Creating Company framework, emphasizing that knowledge creation occurs through continuous interaction between tacit and explicit knowledge. Their Socialization, Externalization, Combination, and Internalization (SECI) model remains one of the most influential theoretical foundations in KM research. The model suggests that organizational learning and innovation depend on the continuous conversion of knowledge across different forms.

Alavi and Leidner (2020) argued that knowledge management consists of four key processes: knowledge creation, storage, transfer, and application. Organizations that effectively manage these processes can improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and enhance employee productivity. Their research highlighted the critical role of information systems in supporting KM activities and facilitating organizational learning.

Hislop (2020) emphasized that knowledge management extends beyond technological systems and includes social, cultural, and behavioral dimensions. Effective KM requires organizations to create environments where employees are willing to share expertise, collaborate, and engage in continuous learning. Consequently, KM should be viewed as both a technological and organizational phenomenon.

In recent years, digital transformation has significantly increased the importance of KM. Organizations increasingly rely on digital platforms, cloud-based systems, artificial intelligence, and collaborative technologies to facilitate knowledge creation and sharing. Rao (2024) noted that digital transformation initiatives often succeed when supported by effective KM strategies that promote organizational learning and adaptability.

The Knowledge-Based View (KBV) of the firm further reinforces the strategic importance of KM. According to this perspective, knowledge represents the most valuable organizational resource and serves as the primary source of sustainable competitive advantage (Grant, 1996). Organizations that effectively leverage knowledge resources are better positioned to innovate, adapt to environmental changes, and achieve superior performance outcomes.

**Knowledge Sharing and Employee Performance**

One of the most important aspects of knowledge management is generally acknowledged to be information sharing. It describes how people, groups, and organisational units share knowledge, skills, experiences, and expertise. Employees can obtain important information, solve issues quickly, and perform better at work when knowledge is shared effectively.

Wang and Noe (2020) identified knowledge sharing as a key determinant of organizational learning and employee effectiveness. Their study demonstrated that employees who actively engage in knowledge-sharing activities tend to exhibit higher levels of productivity, creativity, and job satisfaction. Knowledge sharing facilitates the transfer of best practices and reduces the likelihood of repeated mistakes.

Kumar and Singh (2018) found that knowledge-sharing behaviors significantly improve employee performance in Indian IT organizations. Employees who regularly exchange expertise and collaborate with colleagues demonstrate enhanced problem-solving abilities and increased efficiency. The authors argued that knowledge sharing contributes to organizational agility by enabling rapid dissemination of critical information.

Organisations with strong knowledge-sharing cultures saw better levels of creativity and employee engagement, according to Gupta and Sharma's (2025) analysis of knowledge-sharing behaviour among IT professionals. According to their findings, sharing information promotes group learning that supports ongoing development and career advancement.

In a similar vein, Wang and Wang (2023) found that innovative capability and information sharing were positively correlated. According to their research, companies that foster information sharing are more likely to create cutting-edge goods, services, and business procedures.

Despite its benefits, knowledge sharing remains a challenging organizational activity. Employees may be reluctant to share knowledge due to concerns about job security, lack of trust, or absence of incentives (Gupta & Singh, 2023). Therefore, organizations must establish supportive cultures and reward systems that encourage knowledge-sharing behaviours.

The existing literature consistently suggests that knowledge sharing enhances employee productivity, learning, innovation, and organizational performance. Accordingly, knowledge sharing represents a fundamental component of successful KM initiatives.

**Leadership Support and Knowledge Management Success**

Leadership support has been widely recognized as a critical success factor in knowledge management implementation. Leaders influence organizational culture, employee attitudes, and resource allocation, all of which affect the effectiveness of KM initiatives.

Lee and Choi (2025) emphasized that leadership commitment significantly influences employee participation in knowledge-sharing activities. Leaders who actively promote collaboration and learning create environments where employees feel encouraged to exchange ideas and expertise. Their study demonstrated that transformational leadership positively affects KM success through enhanced employee motivation and engagement.

Patel and Shah (2023) found that managerial support strengthens organizational knowledge-sharing

practices by establishing trust and open communication channels. Employees are more likely to contribute knowledge when leaders recognize and reward their efforts.

Gold, Malhotra, and Segars (2020) argued that organizational leadership plays a central role in developing knowledge infrastructure. Effective leaders allocate resources, establish policies, and create strategic priorities that support knowledge creation and sharing. Their findings indicate that leadership commitment directly influences organizational knowledge capabilities.

Similarly, Lee and Choi (2023) reported that leadership support contributes to successful adoption of knowledge management systems. Organizations with strong managerial involvement are more likely to achieve positive KM outcomes because employees perceive knowledge-sharing initiatives as strategically important.

Organizational culture also mediates the relationship between leadership and KM effectiveness. Hislop (2023) suggested that leaders influence organizational values, norms, and behaviors that either facilitate or hinder knowledge sharing. A supportive culture characterized by trust, openness, and collaboration enhances employee willingness to participate in KM activities.

The literature therefore highlights leadership support as an essential determinant of KM success. Organizations seeking to improve knowledge management effectiveness must ensure active managerial involvement and commitment.

**Technology and Knowledge Management Systems**

Technological infrastructure serves as a critical enabler of knowledge management. Modern organizations increasingly utilize information systems, digital repositories, collaboration platforms, and artificial intelligence tools to facilitate knowledge sharing and organizational learning.

Alavi and Leidner (2018) argued that knowledge management systems (KMS) provide mechanisms for capturing, storing, retrieving, and disseminating organizational knowledge. These systems help organizations preserve intellectual capital and make valuable information accessible to employees.

Jennex and Olfman (2019) emphasized that effective KMS implementation improves organizational performance by supporting decision-making, problem-solving, and collaboration. Their research demonstrated that technological solutions significantly enhance knowledge accessibility and utilization.

Fernandez and Sabherwal (2024) highlighted the importance of integrating technology with organizational processes. According to their findings, successful KM initiatives require alignment between technological capabilities and organizational objectives.

Zhang and Venkatesh (2024) examined technology-enabled knowledge sharing and found that digital collaboration tools significantly improve communication and information exchange among employees. Their study revealed that technological platforms reduce barriers to knowledge transfer and support collaborative work environments.

Lee and Kim (2024) reported that social media technologies facilitate informal knowledge sharing and enhance organizational learning. Employees increasingly use digital communication platforms to exchange expertise and solve work-related problems.

Artificial intelligence and advanced analytics are also transforming knowledge management practices. Organizations now employ AI-driven recommendation systems, intelligent search engines, and predictive analytics tools to improve knowledge discovery and utilization. These technologies enhance employees' ability to access relevant information quickly and efficiently.

The literature indicates that technological infrastructure significantly contributes to knowledge creation, sharing, and utilization. However, technology alone cannot guarantee KM success; organizations must also address cultural and leadership-related factors.

**Knowledge Management and Organizational Performance**

Knowledge management and organisational success are positively correlated, according to a large body of research. Higher levels of creativity, productivity, efficiency, and competitive advantage are typically attained by organisations that manage their knowledge resources well.

Bhatt (2019) argued that KM processes enhance organizational effectiveness by improving knowledge accessibility and decision-making quality. Employees who have access to relevant knowledge resources can perform tasks more efficiently and accurately.

Gold et al. (2020) found that organizational knowledge capabilities positively influence performance outcomes. Their study demonstrated that organizations with strong knowledge infrastructures achieve superior operational and strategic performance.

Kumar and Thangavelu (2023) reported that KM practices significantly improve employee productivity and organizational competitiveness. Their findings suggest that knowledge management contributes to both individual and organizational success.

Davenport (2023) emphasized that knowledge workers represent critical assets in IT-intensive organizations. Effective KM practices enable organizations to maximize employee expertise and generate greater value from intellectual capital.

Brown and Duguid (2025) highlighted the role of knowledge flows in enhancing organizational adaptability and innovation. Organizations that facilitate knowledge exchange are better equipped to respond to environmental changes and market opportunities.

Similarly, Gupta and Aronson (2024) concluded that KM strategies contribute to sustainable competitive advantage by improving organizational learning capabilities and innovation performance.

Collectively, these studies provide strong evidence that knowledge management positively influences organizational outcomes, particularly in knowledge-intensive industries such as information technology.

**Research Gap**

Although extensive research has examined knowledge management and organizational performance, several gaps remain in the existing literature. First, many studies focus primarily on organizational-level outcomes while providing limited attention to employee-level performance indicators. Second, relatively few studies have simultaneously examined the combined effects of knowledge sharing, leadership support, and technology-enabled collaboration within a single empirical framework. Third, there remains a shortage of empirical evidence from the Indian IT sector, where knowledge-intensive work environments make KM particularly relevant.

The present study addresses these gaps by investigating how knowledge management practices influence employee productivity, knowledge utilization, and collaboration among IT employees. By integrating multiple dimensions of KM within a single research model, the study contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of knowledge management effectiveness.

## Research Methodology

### Research Design

The present study adopted a descriptive research design to examine the influence of knowledge management practices on employee performance in the Information Technology (IT) sector. A descriptive design was considered appropriate because the study aimed to identify, analyze, and interpret the perceptions of employees regarding knowledge sharing, leadership support, technology-enabled collaboration, and organizational knowledge management practices. The design facilitated the collection of quantitative data and enabled the researcher to examine relationships among key variables through statistical analysis.

The study was conducted to understand how knowledge management practices contribute to employee productivity, knowledge utilization, innovation, and collaboration within IT organizations. Given the increasing importance of intellectual capital and organizational learning in knowledge-intensive industries, a descriptive approach provided valuable insights into employees' experiences and perceptions regarding KM initiatives.

### Research Objectives

The study was guided by the following objectives:

To examine the effectiveness of knowledge management practices among IT sector employees.

To identify factors influencing knowledge sharing and knowledge utilization within organizations.

To analyze the relationship between knowledge management practices and employee productivity.

To evaluate the influence of leadership support on knowledge management effectiveness.

To assess the role of technology and digital tools in facilitating employee collaboration.

To provide recommendations for improving organizational knowledge management practices.

### Research Framework

The study was developed based on the Knowledge-Based View (KBV) and Organizational Learning Theory. The framework proposes that knowledge management practices influence employee performance through knowledge sharing, leadership support, and technology-enabled collaboration.

**Independent Variables**

- Knowledge Management Practices
- Knowledge Sharing
- Leadership Support
- Knowledge Management Tools and Technology

**Dependent Variables**

- Employee Productivity
- Knowledge Utilization
- Employee Collaboration

The framework assumes that effective knowledge management practices enhance organizational learning, improve communication, and contribute to superior employee performance outcomes.

### Hypotheses

Based on the literature review and conceptual framework, the following hypotheses were formulated:

**H1:** Knowledge management practices positively influence employee productivity.

**H2:** Leadership support positively influences the effectiveness of knowledge management practices.

**H3:** Knowledge sharing positively influences knowledge utilization among employees.

**H4:** Knowledge management tools positively influence employee collaboration.

### Population and Sample

The target population consisted of employees working in Information Technology organizations. These employees were selected because they regularly engage in knowledge-intensive activities and depend heavily on information sharing, teamwork, and organizational learning.

A sample of 100 employees was selected for the study. The respondents represented different departments, job roles, and experience levels within the IT sector.

### Sampling Technique

The study employed Judgment Sampling, a non-probability sampling technique. Respondents were selected based on their familiarity with organizational knowledge management practices and their ability to provide relevant information regarding knowledge sharing and employee performance.

Judgment sampling was considered appropriate because the study required participants who possessed practical experience in knowledge-intensive work environments.

### Sources of Data

**Primary Data**

Primary data were collected directly from employees through a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of multiple statements related to knowledge management practices, knowledge sharing, leadership support, technology usage, collaboration, and employee performance.

**Secondary Data**

Secondary data were collected from:

- Research journals
- Academic books
- Conference proceedings
- Industry reports
- Online databases
- Published literature on knowledge management and organizational learning

Secondary sources provided theoretical foundations and empirical support for the study.

**Research Instrument**

A structured questionnaire was used as the primary data collection instrument.

The questionnaire contained two sections:

**Section A: Demographic Information**

This section collected information regarding:

- Gender
- Age
- Educational qualification
- Work experience
- Organizational position

**Section B: Knowledge Management Variables**

This section included statements measuring:

- Knowledge sharing behavior
- Knowledge utilization
- Leadership support
- Organizational incentives
- Technology-enabled collaboration
- Employee productivity

Responses were recorded using a Five-Point Likert Scale:

1 = Strongly Disagree

2 = Disagree

3 = Neutral

4 = Agree

5 = Strongly Agree

**Statistical Tools Used**

The collected data were analyzed using statistical techniques.

**Percentage Analysis**

Percentage analysis was used to summarize respondent characteristics and identify overall response patterns.

**Pearson Correlation Analysis**

Pearson correlation analysis was employed to examine relationships among variables and test the research hypotheses.

Correlation coefficients range from -1 to +1:

- 0.00–0.19 = Very Weak
- 0.20–0.39 = Weak
- 0.40–0.59 = Moderate
- 0.60–0.79 = Strong
- 0.80–1.00 = Very Strong

A significance level of 0.05 was used for hypothesis testing.

**Scope of the Study**

The study focused exclusively on employees working in the IT sector. It examined their perceptions regarding knowledge management practices and their influence on employee productivity, collaboration, and knowledge utilization.

**Limitations of the Study**

The study has several limitations:

- Sample size limited to 100 respondents.
- Focus restricted to IT sector employees.
- Findings based on self-reported perceptions.
- Time constraints limited the scope of data collection.
- Results may not be generalized to all industries.

**Results and Statistical Interpretation**

**Demographic Profile of Respondents**

The demographic analysis revealed that the majority of respondents belonged to younger age groups and represented diverse educational and professional backgrounds. Female employees constituted a larger proportion of the sample, indicating active participation of women in knowledge-intensive IT occupations.

The demographic findings suggest that the respondents possessed adequate exposure to organizational knowledge management practices and digital collaboration environments.

**Employee Perceptions of Knowledge Sharing**

The majority of respondents expressed positive attitudes toward knowledge sharing within their organizations.

More than half of the respondents strongly agreed that sharing knowledge improves work efficiency and

productivity. Employees reported that access to shared knowledge helps them complete tasks faster and avoid duplication of effort.

These findings indicate that knowledge sharing contributes significantly to organizational learning and employee effectiveness.

**Knowledge Management and Work Quality**

A substantial proportion of respondents agreed that access to organizational knowledge resources improves work quality.

Employees indicated that knowledge repositories, shared documentation, and collaborative platforms provide valuable information that supports better decision-making and problem-solving.

The results suggest that organizations benefit when employees can easily access relevant knowledge and expertise.

**Knowledge Management and Innovation**

Most respondents agreed that knowledge sharing encourages innovative thinking and creativity.

Employees reported that collaborative environments facilitate idea generation and support the development of innovative solutions.

This finding supports the view that knowledge management contributes to organizational innovation and continuous improvement.

**Leadership Support and Knowledge Management**

A majority of respondents acknowledged the importance of leadership support in successful knowledge management implementation.

Employees indicated that managers who encourage collaboration, provide resources, and recognize knowledge-sharing efforts create positive environments for organizational learning.

The results demonstrate the critical role of leadership in fostering knowledge-sharing cultures.

**Technology and Employee Collaboration**

The findings reveal that technology plays an important role in facilitating communication and collaboration among employees.

Respondents agreed that digital platforms, intranet systems, knowledge repositories, and collaborative tools improve information accessibility and teamwork.

The results highlight the growing importance of technology-enabled knowledge management in modern organizations.

**Hypothesis Testing and Correlation Analysis**

Pearson Correlation Analysis was conducted to examine the relationships among key study variables.

**Hypothesis 1**

**H1: Knowledge Management Practices and Employee Productivity**

| Variable | Correlation Coefficient (r) | Significance (p) |
|---|---|---|
| KM Practices and Employee Productivity | 0.789 | 0.000 |

**Interpretation**

The correlation coefficient between knowledge management practices and employee productivity was **r = 0.789**, indicating a strong positive relationship.

The significance value was **p = 0.000**, which is less than the accepted significance level of 0.05.

Therefore, the relationship is statistically significant.

This finding suggests that employees working in organizations with effective knowledge management practices demonstrate higher levels of productivity, efficiency, and work performance.

The result supports previous studies by Wang and Noe (2020), who found that knowledge-sharing practices contribute significantly to employee effectiveness and organizational success.

**Decision:** H1 Supported.

**Hypothesis 2**

**H2: Leadership Support and Effective Knowledge Management**

| Variable | Correlation Coefficient (r) | Significance (p) |
|---|---|---|
| Leadership Supportand Effective KM | 0.810 | 0.000 |

**Interpretation**

The correlation coefficient of **0.810** indicates a very strong positive relationship between leadership support and effective knowledge management implementation.

The significance value of **0.000** confirms that the relationship is statistically significant.

The findings indicate that organizations with supportive leadership structures are more likely to achieve successful KM outcomes.

Leaders play an important role in establishing trust, encouraging knowledge sharing, and allocating resources necessary for KM initiatives.

**Decision:** H2 Supported.

**Hypothesis 3**

**H3: Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Utilization**

| Variable | Correlation Coefficient (r) | Significance (p) |
|---|---|---|
| Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Utilization | 0.839 | 0.000 |

**Interpretation**

The correlation coefficient of **0.839** demonstrates a very strong positive relationship between knowledge sharing and knowledge utilization.

The significance value confirms that the relationship is statistically significant.

Employees who actively engage in knowledge-sharing activities are more likely to utilize organizational knowledge effectively in their daily work.

The finding suggests that knowledge sharing serves as a critical mechanism for transforming available information into practical workplace applications.

**Decision:** H3 Supported.

**Hypothesis 4**

**H4: Knowledge Management Tools and Employee Collaboration**

| Variable | Correlation Coefficient (r) | Significance (p) |
|---|---|---|
| KM Tools and Employee Collaboration | 0.859 | 0.000 |

**Interpretation**

The correlation coefficient of **0.859** represents the strongest relationship identified in the study.

The significance value of **0.000** indicates statistical significance.

The findings suggest that technology-enabled knowledge management tools significantly enhance communication, teamwork, and collaboration among employees.

Digital platforms facilitate rapid information exchange, improve coordination, and support collaborative problem-solving activities.

**Decision:** H4 Supported.

**Summary of Hypothesis Testing**

| Hypothesis | Relationship | r-value | p-value | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H1 | KM Practices → Employee Productivity | .789 | .000 | Supported |
| H2 | Leadership Support → Effective KM | .810 | .000 | Supported |
| H3 | Knowledge Sharing → Knowledge Utilization | .839 | .000 | Supported |
| H4 | KM Tools → Employee Collaboration | .859 | .000 | Supported |

The results demonstrate that all four hypotheses are supported. The findings provide strong empirical evidence that knowledge management practices significantly influence employee productivity, knowledge utilization, and collaboration within IT organizations.

**Discussion**

The primary objective of this study was to investigate the influence of knowledge management practices on employee performance in the IT sector. The findings provide strong empirical evidence supporting the significance of knowledge sharing, leadership support, and technology-enabled collaboration in improving employee productivity and organizational effectiveness. All four hypotheses were supported, indicating that knowledge management functions as a critical strategic capability in contemporary IT organizations.

**Knowledge Management Practices and Employee Productivity**

The first hypothesis proposed that knowledge management practices positively influence employee productivity. The correlation analysis revealed a strong positive relationship between knowledge management practices and employee productivity ($r = .789$, $p < .001$). This finding indicates that employees who have access to organizational knowledge resources and participate in knowledge-sharing activities tend to perform their tasks more efficiently and effectively.

The result is consistent with the findings of Wang and Noe (2020), who reported that knowledge-sharing practices enhance employee performance by improving access to relevant information and expertise. Similarly, Davenport and Prusak (2019) argued that organizations capable of effectively capturing and disseminating knowledge experience higher levels of productivity and decision-making quality.

The finding also supports the Knowledge-Based View (KBV), which suggests that organizational knowledge represents a valuable strategic resource that contributes directly to competitive advantage. Employees who can access organizational knowledge repositories and learn from colleagues are more likely to avoid duplication of effort, reduce errors, and improve task performance.

In the IT sector, where projects often involve complex technical requirements and rapidly changing technologies, effective knowledge management enables employees to leverage existing expertise and accelerate problem-solving processes. Therefore, organizations should consider knowledge management as an essential productivity-enhancement mechanism rather than merely an information management tool.

**Leadership Support and Effective Knowledge Management**

The second hypothesis examined the relationship between leadership support and effective knowledge management implementation. The analysis revealed a very strong positive relationship ($r = .810$, $p < .001$), suggesting

that leadership commitment significantly influences KM success.

This finding supports the work of Lee and Choi (2025), who concluded that leadership behavior plays a critical role in shaping organizational knowledge-sharing culture. Leaders establish organizational priorities, allocate resources, and influence employee attitudes toward collaboration and learning. When employees perceive managerial support for knowledge-sharing initiatives, they are more likely to contribute expertise and participate actively in KM activities.

The result is also consistent with Gold et al. (2020), who identified leadership as a key component of organizational knowledge infrastructure. Their research suggested that successful KM implementation requires active managerial involvement, strategic commitment, and continuous support.

From an organizational learning perspective, leaders function as facilitators of knowledge creation and dissemination. By promoting trust, transparency, and collaboration, leaders create environments where employees feel comfortable sharing ideas and experiences. Consequently, organizations seeking to strengthen knowledge management effectiveness must ensure visible leadership commitment and participation.

**Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Utilization**

The third hypothesis investigated the relationship between knowledge sharing and knowledge utilization. The results indicated a very strong positive relationship ($r = .839$, $p < .001$), demonstrating that knowledge sharing significantly enhances employees' ability to utilize organizational knowledge effectively.

This finding aligns with Nonaka and Takeuchi's (2019) Knowledge Creation Theory, which emphasizes that knowledge becomes valuable only when it is transferred, internalized, and applied. Sharing knowledge enables employees to access diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise, thereby enhancing problem-solving and decision-making capabilities.

The result also supports the findings of Gupta and Sharma (2025), who reported that knowledge-sharing behaviors significantly improve innovation and employee effectiveness. Similarly, Wang and Wang (2023) concluded that organizations with strong knowledge-sharing cultures exhibit higher levels of learning and adaptability.

The strong correlation observed in this study suggests that knowledge utilization depends heavily on employees' willingness to exchange information and expertise. Organizations that encourage open communication and collaboration create opportunities for employees to transform available knowledge into practical workplace solutions.

**Knowledge Management Tools and Employee Collaboration**

The fourth hypothesis examined the relationship between knowledge management tools and employee collaboration. The results revealed the strongest correlation among all variables ($r = .859$, $p < .001$), indicating that technology-enabled KM tools play a crucial role in facilitating collaboration.

This finding supports Alavi and Leidner's (2018) argument that knowledge management systems enhance organizational communication and information accessibility. Digital technologies enable employees to exchange information quickly, collaborate across geographical boundaries, and access organizational knowledge repositories.

The finding is also consistent with Jennex and Olfman (2019), who reported that effective KM systems improve teamwork and organizational learning. Modern collaboration platforms, cloud-based repositories, enterprise social networks, and artificial intelligence tools have significantly transformed the way employees interact and share knowledge.

In the IT sector, where virtual teams and distributed work arrangements are increasingly common, technology serves as an essential enabler of collaboration. The strong relationship identified in this study highlights the importance of investing in advanced digital infrastructures that support knowledge exchange and teamwork.

**Overall Discussion**

Collectively, the findings demonstrate that knowledge management functions as a multidimensional organizational capability that influences employee productivity, collaboration, and knowledge utilization. The results support the argument that effective KM requires a combination of organizational culture, leadership commitment, technological infrastructure, and employee participation.

The findings further reinforce the assumptions of Organizational Learning Theory, which suggests that organizations achieve superior performance when they continuously create, share, and apply knowledge. In the context of the IT sector, knowledge management serves as a strategic mechanism for enhancing innovation, adaptability, and organizational competitiveness.

**Theoretical Implications**

The present study makes several important theoretical contributions to knowledge management literature.

First, the findings provide empirical support for the Knowledge-Based View of the Firm, which conceptualizes knowledge as the most strategically significant organizational resource. The strong positive relationships identified in the study demonstrate that effective management of knowledge resources contributes directly to employee productivity and organizational effectiveness.

Second, the study extends Organizational Learning Theory by demonstrating how leadership support, knowledge sharing, and technology collectively influence organizational learning outcomes. The findings suggest that knowledge utilization and collaboration represent important mechanisms through which learning occurs within organizations.

Third, the study contributes to the growing body of KM research within the context of the Indian IT sector. While previous studies have primarily focused on

organizational-level outcomes, this research provides employee-level evidence regarding the effects of knowledge management practices.

Finally, the study proposes an integrated framework that links knowledge management practices, leadership support, technology, and employee performance. This framework may serve as a foundation for future research investigating complex relationships among KM variables.

**Managerial Implications**

The findings offer several practical implications for managers, HR professionals, and organizational leaders.

**Developing a Knowledge-Sharing Culture**

Organizations should actively promote knowledge-sharing behaviors by creating environments characterized by trust, collaboration, and open communication. Employees should be encouraged to exchange expertise without fear of criticism or loss of status.

**Strengthening Leadership Involvement**

Managers should play active roles in KM initiatives by providing support, resources, and recognition for knowledge-sharing activities. Leadership commitment is essential for fostering employee engagement and sustaining KM programs.

**Investing in Technology Infrastructure**

Organizations should invest in advanced knowledge management technologies such as digital repositories, collaborative platforms, enterprise social networks, and AI-powered knowledge systems. These tools facilitate communication, improve information accessibility, and enhance collaboration.

**Employee Training and Development**

To enhance employees' digital literacy and knowledge-sharing abilities, regular training sessions should be held. Opportunities for ongoing education can improve an organization's knowledge base.

**7.5 Reward and Recognition Systems**

Organizations should establish formal mechanisms for recognizing and rewarding employees who actively contribute knowledge. Incentive programs can increase participation in KM activities and reinforce collaborative behaviors.

**Supporting Innovation and Continuous Learning**

Knowledge management initiatives should be aligned with organizational innovation strategies. Employees should be encouraged to share new ideas, experiment with solutions, and engage in continuous professional development.

**Limitations and Future Research**

The study has a number of shortcomings despite its merits.

First, the study's sample size of 100 respondents may have limited how far the results may be applied. To improve external validity, larger samples might be used in future research.

Second, the study only looked at workers in the IT industry. Future research could examine knowledge management strategies in many sectors, including manufacturing, financial services, healthcare, and education.

Third, response bias may have affected the study's use of self-reported data. Future researchers might use multi-source data collection techniques and objective performance metrics.

Fourth, correlation analysis—which finds relationships but does not prove causation—was used in the study. To investigate causal linkages, future study may include longitudinal research methods, route analysis, or structural equation modelling (SEM).

Future studies could examine how digital transformation, machine learning, and artificial intelligence have shaped contemporary knowledge management techniques. Researchers may also look into the moderating and mediating effects of employee engagement, organisational culture, and innovation capacity.

**Conclusion**

In modern organisations, knowledge management has become a crucial strategic competency, especially in knowledge-intensive fields like information technology. The current study looked at how knowledge management techniques affected worker productivity, knowledge utilisation, and teamwork in the IT industry.

Knowledge management practices and employee productivity (r =.789), leadership support and efficient knowledge management (r =.810), knowledge sharing and knowledge utilisation (r =.839), and knowledge management tools and employee collaboration (r =.859) were all found to be significantly positively correlated. These findings demonstrate that efficient knowledge management has a significant impact on employee performance, organisational learning, and innovation.

The report emphasises how crucial it is to promote a culture of information sharing that is backed by employee engagement, technology infrastructure, and leadership commitment. In an increasingly knowledge-driven market, firms that effectively incorporate knowledge management into their operational and strategic processes are more likely to gain a long-term competitive advantage.

Knowledge management should be seen as a strategic organisational skill that promotes productivity, collaboration, creativity, and long-term success rather than just an administrative activity as businesses continue to negotiate digital transformation and rapid technological development.

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