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Evaluating the Impact of HR Analytics Tools on Decision-Making and Enhancing Adoption in HR Practices: A Study of Organizations in the Delhi NCR Region

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ABSTRACT

The rapid digital transformation of human resource management (HRM) has expanded the role of HR analytics as a key enabler of evidence-based decision-making. In the Delhi NCR—a highly competitive and fast-evolving business environment—organisations are increasingly incorporating analytics tools to strengthen HR operations, anticipate workforce trends, and support strategic choices. Despite this momentum, questions persist about how deeply these tools are being used and whether organisations possess the readiness needed for broader adoption. This study examines the present landscape of HR analytics practices in Delhi NCR by analysing primary data gathered from HR professionals across multiple sectors. Anchored around two main research objectives—(1) To assess how HR analytics tools influence HR decision-making in organisations within the Delhi NCR region, and (2) To propose strategic solutions to address obstacles and improve the adoption of HR analytics tools in HR practices across Delhi NCR—the research uses descriptive statistics, reliability checks, and correlation analysis to explore awareness levels, usage patterns, decision-making impact, and adoption challenges. The results indicate that HR professionals exhibit moderate-to-high awareness of analytics tools, yet their usage remains uneven, with many firms still dependent on basic descriptive insights. The findings further show a clear positive relationship between analytics awareness and decision-making effectiveness, highlighting that data-driven HR processes enhance accuracy, fairness, and organisational agility. Major challenges include gaps in analytical skills, inadequate technological infrastructure, limited leadership support, and change resistance. The study concludes by offering targeted recommendations to strengthen analytics capability, improve organisational preparedness, and support wider adoption of HR analytics across Delhi NCR.

Keywords: *HR analytics, decision-making, adoption challenges, HR transformation, Delhi NCR.*

INTRODUCTION

Human Resource Analytics—also known as people analytics, talent analytics, or workforce analytics—has become one of the most influential advancements in contemporary human resource management (HRM). As organisations increasingly move toward data-driven ways of working, HR analytics has evolved from a routine support tool into a central strategic capability that influences competitiveness, talent planning, and operational performance (Margherita, 2022; van den Heuvel & Bondarouk, 2017). It involves gathering, analysing, and interpreting workforce-related data through statistical techniques, dashboards, and predictive models to guide HR decisions that were once shaped mainly by managerial judgment. Globally, companies that invest in HR analytics report stronger decision accuracy, improved employee productivity, reduced costs, and enhanced employee experience (Minbaeva, 2021; Levenson, 2018). With HR digitalisation accelerating, HR analytics has shifted from being optional to becoming a critical organisational requirement. In India, interest in HR analytics has grown significantly over the past decade due to rising technology adoption, changing workforce demographics, high attrition, and the increasing demand for fact-based HR strategies. The Delhi National Capital Region (NCR)—encompassing Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Ghaziabad, and Faridabad—is one of the country's most dynamic corporate hubs. It is home to multinational corporations, manufacturing units, start-ups, IT and consulting

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firms, educational institutes, and service-sector organisations. This creates a complex landscape where HR teams must navigate competitive hiring, rapidly shifting employee expectations, hybrid work models, and evolving talent requirements. In this environment, HR analytics has become particularly relevant. Organisations across the region are using analytics to streamline recruitment, optimise hiring, assess engagement, forecast attrition, and align HR decisions with business priorities (Deloitte, 2023; Sammarra et al., 2023).

However, despite its increasing prominence, a noticeable gap persists between the interest in HR analytics and its actual integration into HR processes within Indian organisations. Research shows that while HR professionals recognise the value and potential of analytics, many organisations still restrict their usage to simple descriptive insights rather than advanced predictive or prescriptive analytics (Bhatnagar & Gokhale, 2020; Sharma & Sharma, 2022). Several firms continue to depend on traditional dashboards, basic Excel reports, or HRIS-generated summaries instead of investing in advanced analytics platforms that can generate strategic insights. This mismatch between awareness and meaningful utilisation has been repeatedly documented in HR analytics research, both globally and within India.International studies highlight how HR analytics supports better decision-making by identifying underlying workforce patterns, improving forecasting, and limiting biases (Davenport, Harris & Shapiro, 2010; Marler & Boudreau, 2017). Analytics-enhanced recruitment reduces hiring mismatches; predictive models help identify employees with a high turnover risk; and performance analytics creates more consistent and transparent evaluations. Furthermore, HR analytics strengthens strategic HRM by linking workforce metrics with business results, allowing HR teams to demonstrate their direct contribution to organisational performance (Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2021). Multiple studies confirm that organisations with mature analytics capabilities gain higher agility, resilience, and innovation through better data-backed decisions at all levels (Huselid, 2018; Minbaeva, 2021).Yet, the path to adopting HR analytics is not without challenges. Prior research identifies several obstacles, such as limited data skills among HR professionals, inadequate training, inconsistent data quality, fragmented HR systems, resistance to digital change, and weak leadership support (Davenport et al., 2010; Hurrell, 2021; Meijerink et al., 2021). Many HR teams lack confidence in dealing with statistical tools, advanced modelling, or analytical interpretation (Bondarouk & Brewster, 2016), which restricts their ability to progress from routine reporting to strategic analytics. Organisational culture plays a major role as well—companies that encourage experimentation and value data tend to implement analytics more successfully than those that rely mainly on traditional decision-making.In India, these obstacles are even more pronounced. Research indicates that many organisations lack structured HR data, integrated HR systems, or dedicated analytics platforms (Sharma & Sharma, 2022). Smaller firms face financial constraints, limited expertise, and hesitance to replace long-standing manual HR processes. Even larger companies often restrict analytics use to basic tasks such as payroll, attendance, or headcount reporting, with predictive and machine-learning applications still uncommon (Jain & Singh,2023). These limitations dilute the strategic value HR analytics can generate in the Indian business landscape.

For this reason, region-specific empirical research—especially focused on Delhi NCR—is necessary. Delhi NCR reflects a unique blend of rapid digital transformation, intense talent competition, high employee movement, and widespread hybrid work adoption. Despite this, limited empirical studies examine how HR analytics is actually being used in this region. Most Indian HR analytics research tends to be conceptual or industry-specific, with little primary data gathered directly from HR practitioners.This study seeks to fill this gap by analysing primary data from HR professionals across Delhi NCR representing IT, services, consulting, manufacturing, and other industries. Responses include awareness of analytics tools, understanding and usage levels, perceived influence on HR decisions, and obstacles to adoption. This allows for a detailed, region-specific understanding that reflects real HR practices and workplace realities.Decision-making forms the central focus of this study because it remains one of the most critical responsibilities within HRM, influencing hiring, promotions, training, performance evaluations, succession planning, and conflict

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management. Historically, such decisions often relied heavily on intuition or personal judgment, which can result in inconsistency and bias (Kahneman & Klein, 2009). HR analytics helps address these issues by offering objective insights that improve fairness, accuracy, and transparency. Predictive insights can identify successful hiring sources, highlight effective learning programs, and reveal key turnover drivers—information that is difficult to uncover through intuition alone. Understanding how HR analytics affects decision-making in Delhi NCR organisations therefore becomes essential.

The study also examines how adoption of HR analytics can be strengthened. While interest in analytics may be rising, actual adoption depends on a mix of organisational culture, leadership support, technology readiness, and employee capability. Research repeatedly shows that leadership commitment is one of the strongest drivers of analytics maturity (Marler & Boudreau, 2017). Organisations undergoing digital transformation in Delhi NCR must manage resistance, invest in skill development, and build data-driven cultures to fully benefit from analytics. Decision-makers also require actionable frameworks that help them transition from basic reporting to sophisticated analytics. This study contributes to that needby offering practical, evidence-backed recommendations based on both the dataset and the reviewed literature.

The study is guided by the following research objectives, stated exactly as provided:

RO1: To evaluate the impact of HR analytics tools on decision-making processes within HR functions in organizations operating in the Delhi NCR.

RO2: To provide strategic recommendations for overcoming challenges and enhancing the adoption of HR analytics tools in HR practices across the Delhi NCR.

Together, these objectives define the study's scope and connect its empirical findings with ongoing discussions on digital HR transformation. By examining both decision-making influence and adoption challenges, the study presents HR analytics as both a technological and strategic driver.The introduction highlights the rising global and regional relevance of HR analytics, acknowledges prevailing challenges, emphasises its significance in decision-making, and explains the need for focused empirical research in Delhi NCR. The chapters that follow—covering literature review, methodology, analysis, and recommendations—build upon this foundation to offer an in-depth understanding of HR analytics practices and adoption pathways in the region.

1. LITERATURE REVIEW

1.1 HR Analytics and Evidence-Based HRM

The evolution of HR analytics is closely tied to the broader movement toward evidence-based HRM, which emphasises making decisions using systematic data analysis instead of relying solely on managerial intuition. HR analytics brings together statistical techniques, workforce data mining, and predictive insights to support talent decisions **(van den Heuvel & Bondarouk, 2017).** Literature shows that organisations using analytics in HR report stronger productivity, lower attrition, and improved alignment between people strategies and business outcomes **(Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Minbaeva, 2021).** By uncovering behavioural patterns, quantifying HR outcomes, and predicting workforce risks, HR analytics shifts HR from an administrative role to a strategic, data-oriented function.Evidence-based HRM research consistently shows that data-supported decisions offer higher accuracy, fairness, and long-term effectiveness compared to intuition-led decisions **(Kahneman & Klein, 2009; Levenson, 2018)**. For instance, **Rasmussen and Ulrich (2015)** demonstrate that analytics-driven HR processes reduce subjective bias in recruitment, evaluations, and succession management. **Davenport, Harris, and Shapiro (2010)** note that predictive modelling helps organisations anticipate churn, evaluate candidate fit more precisely, and allocate learning budgets more effectively. Together, these studies confirm HR analytics as a key tool for strengthening decision quality and organisational agility.

1.2 Awareness and Understanding of HR Analytics Tools

Global awareness of HR analytics has expanded as HRIS platforms, AI-enabled tools, and digital HR systems become more mainstream. However, higher awareness does not necessarily translate into deep understanding or advanced usage. **Margherita (2022)** points out that while many HR professionals claim to

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be familiar with HR analytics, fewer actually possess the analytical knowledge required to interpret data or construct predictive models. This gap—often termed the ―analytics capability divide‖ **(Huselid, 2018)—** limits strategic application.

Research in emerging economies, including India, indicates that HR professionals often lack training in statistics, model building, and data interpretation **(Jain & Singh, 2023).** Many HR education programs still focus primarily on behavioural and administrative subjects instead of data analytics **(Sharma & Sharma, 2022)**, leading to hesitation among practitioners when confronted with complex tools.

In metropolitan regions such as Delhi NCR, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, awareness of HR analytics and digital HR tools is rising **(Nawaz & Gomes, 2020)**. However, practical use remains largely confined to descriptive metrics rather than predictive insights. The dataset used in the present study reflects this trend: respondents generally show moderate awareness, but their understanding and depth of application vary widely, indicating a widespread capability-building need.

1.3 Application of HR Analytics in HR Functions

Application refers to the extent to which analytics is embedded across HR processes such as recruitment, performance management, training evaluation, compensation, and workforce planning. Studies show that analytics adoption globally is most prevalent in recruitment and attrition prediction, with fewer organisations applying it to performance analytics,competency mapping, or culture diagnostics **(Minbaeva, 2021; Marler & Boudreau, 2017).** Adoption typically progresses through stages—from descriptive reporting, to diagnostic analysis, to predictive and prescriptive analytics **(Huselid, 2018).**

In India, many organisations remain at the early stages of this maturity cycle. Research by **Aggarwal and Kapoor (2022)** finds that most Indian firms use HR analytics mainly for tracking basic metrics such as attendance, turnover, and hiring timelines. Advanced practices, such as predictive churn models, AI-based shortlisting, or sentiment analysis using NLP, are still limited. Similarly, **Sharma and Sharma (2022)** report that only a small proportion of HR leaders in India apply analytics to optimise strategic decisions.

International findings highlight that HR analytics yields stronger outcomes when supported by organisational culture, technology infrastructure, and leadership endorsement **(Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2021).** Organisations that treat analytics as part of strategic HRM achieve deeper insights, while those using it only for reporting see limited benefit. These patterns are relevant for interpreting the findings of this study, which evaluates how analytics application in Delhi NCR influences decision-making.

1.4 HR Analytics and Its Influence on HR Decision-Making

Decision-making occupies a central place in HR analytics research. Studies show that using analytics reduces cognitive bias, strengthens fairness, and enhances organisational responsiveness **(Kahneman & Klein, 2009; Levenson, 2018)**. In recruitment, analytics reduces hiring errors by comparing candidate profiles with historical performance data **(Davenport et al., 2010).** For performance management, analytics enables fairer evaluations through objective behavioural and productivity indicators, complemented by customer feedback and workflow patterns **(Rasmussen & Ulrich, 2015).**

HR analytics also enhances strategic decision-making. **Huselid (2018) and Minbaeva (2021)** highlight that analytics supports long-term workforce planning, strengthens talent pipeline forecasting, and aligns employee capabilities with organisational strategy. Predictive insights allow HR leaders to anticipate challenges—such as skill shortages or attrition risks—before they disrupt business continuity.

In India, studies by **Kapoor & Aggarwal (2022)** show that analytics-based decisions increase transparency in recruitment and performance evaluation, particularly in large organisations. Research by **Nawaz & Gomes (2020)** suggests that analytics improves decision consistencyin workforce planning and helps firms manage high churn, especially in the IT and start-up sectors.Given Delhi NCR's high-tech environment and competitive labour market, it becomes essential to examine whether similar patterns emerge in this region. The first research objective of this study directly explores this link by evaluating how HR analytics affects HR decision-making in Delhi NCR organisations.

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1.5 Challenges and Barriers to HR Analytics Adoption

Despite its benefits, the adoption of HR analytics faces challenges related to skills, technology, culture, and organisational readiness. One of the most frequently reported issues in literature is the shortage of analytical capabilities among HR professionals **(Bondarouk & Brewster, 2016; Meijerink et al., 2020)**. Many practitioners hesitate to work with quantitative data, software systems, or statistical dashboards due to limited training.

Technological challenges include inconsistent data quality, fragmented HRIS systems, and weak digital infrastructure **(Hurrell, 2021).** Poor integration across HR data sources leads to unreliable insights, discouraging investment in analytics **(Davenport et al., 2010).** Cultural and organisational barriers are equally significant. Resistance to change, longstanding hierarchical decision structures, and reliance on intuition often delay analytics initiatives **(Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Meijerink et al., 2021).** Leadership commitment emerges as a major enabling factor—senior management must champion analytics, allocate resources, and support experimentation for successful adoption **(Fernandez & Gallardo-Gallardo, 2021).**

In India, the most common barriers include inadequate training budgets, skill shortages, limited HR analytics expertise, and dependence on outdated HRMS platforms **(Jain & Singh, 2023).** Many firms still perceive HR analytics as an optional investment, particularly SMEs. These issues align directly with the second research objective of this study, which focuses on recommending strategies to enhance analytics adoption in Delhi NCR.

1.6 HR Analytics in the Indian and Delhi NCR Context

Although global literature on HR analytics is expanding, region-specific Indian studies remain limited. Delhi NCR represents a distinct business environment characterised by higher digital adoption yet uneven analytics maturity. Research from major metros such as Bengaluru and Mumbai suggests that organisations adopt HR analytics selectively, with adoption influenced by organisational size, industry category, and technology readiness **(Nawaz & Gomes, 2020; Sharma & Sharma, 2022).**

Within Delhi NCR, sectors such as IT, consulting, and start-ups show higher engagement with HR analytics due to fast-changing workforce dynamics and competitive hiring. Meanwhile, manufacturing and traditional service sectors display slower adoption. This varied landscape highlights the need for empirical research grounded in primary data—something this study addresses.Considering these gaps and the evolving demands of modern HR, the literature review underscores the necessity for focused research that analyses HR analytics awareness, usage, decision influence, and adoption barriers specifically in Delhi NCR.

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a quantitative, descriptive, and analytical design to assess how HR analytics tools influence HR decision-making and to identify the factors that shape analytics adoption across organisations in the Delhi NCR. The methodology is structured to support both research objectives: (RO1) examining the impact of HR analytics on decision-making, and (RO2) offering strategic recommendations to strengthen adoption. A structured, questionnaire-based survey method was selected, consistent with earlier HR analytics studies that rely on quantitative data to measure perceptions, awareness, and behavioural outcomes among HR professionals **(Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Minbaeva, 2021).** This design allows for systematic measurement of key constructs and enables statistical analysis using descriptive data, reliability checks, and correlation techniques.

2.1 Research Design

A cross-sectional survey design was chosen because it is suitable for capturing existing levels of HR analytics awareness, application, and perceived influence within real organisational contexts at a single time point. Cross-sectional designs are widely used in HRM research since they provide a clear picture of current practices, perceptions, and trends **(Bryman, 2016).** Given the rapid technological changes in HR functions in India, this design enables the study to map present HR analytics adoption patterns and understand how HR professionals interpret its role in decision-making. The design supports both descriptive analysis (such as

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awareness levels and usage frequencies) and analytical examination (such as relationships between variables).

2.2 Population and Sampling

The target population includes HR professionals working across different organisations in the Delhi NCR—covering Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Ghaziabad, and Faridabad. The region represents a diverse mix of industries such as IT, consulting, manufacturing, services, retail, and education, each with varying exposure to HR analytics. HR professionals were selected as respondents because they interact directly with HR systems and tools, making their insights essential for understanding analytics adoption.

A purposive sampling method was used, which aligns with similar HR analytics studies requiring respondents with knowledge of HR processes and digital HR systems (Margherita, 2022). The sample includes HR executives, HR managers, assistant managers, HR business partners, and senior HR leaders. The final dataset consists of complete responses drawn from the Data responses.xlsx file you provided. All responses contained full inputs for the HR analytics sections, ensuring suitability for statistical analysis.

2.3 Instrument Design

The structured questionnaire used in this study includes four main components:

1. Demographic Profile: Captures respondent characteristics such as age group, gender, designation, industry sector, and years of HR experience. These variables help interpret adoption patterns across demographic segments.

2. Section A – Awareness of HR Analytics Tools: Measures familiarity with HR analytics concepts and tools through Likert-scale items (1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree). Questions assess knowledge of analytics concepts, tool awareness, and understanding of HR data.

3. Section B – Understanding and Application: Measures the extent to which respondents use analytics tools in recruitment, performance management, training evaluation, and workforce planning.

4. Section C – Perceived Impact on Decision-Making: Assesses how analytics influences decision quality, fairness, efficiency, and strategic alignment.

5. Section D – Challenges and Barriers: Identifies the organisational and technological constraints that limitHR analytics adoption. The structure follows established HR analytics frameworks that view awareness,capability, application, and readiness as core components of adoption (Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Jain & Singh, 2023).

2.4 Scale Reliability Testing

Cronbach's Alpha (α) was used to evaluate the internal consistency of the multi-item scales. Alpha values are interpreted as follows:

1. $\alpha \geq 0.70$: acceptable

2. $\alpha \geq 0.80$: good

3. $\alpha \geq 0.90$: excellent

These standards follow established social science guidelines (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994; Hair et al., 2019).

Cronbach's alpha values were computed for:

1. Awareness scale
2. Application scale
3. Decision-making impact scale
4. Adoption challenges scale

All reliability outcomes are presented in Section 4 in table form.

2.5 Data Processing and Cleaning

Before analysis, the dataset went through a structured cleaning process:

1. Missing values were checked, and incomplete responses were removed to preserve scale reliability.

2. Coding for Likert-scale responses was standardised.

3. Outliers were reviewed, though minimal due to the structured format.

4. Reverse-coded items (if present) were adjusted to maintain consistency.

Data processing was carried out using Python (Pandas, NumPy) and Excel, in line with current HR analytics research practices.

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2.6 Data Analysis Strategy

The analysis was designed to address both research objectives by examining awareness, usage, and perceived impact of HR analytics tools among HR professionals in Delhi NCR. Descriptive statistics—mean, standard deviation, frequencies, and percentages—were used to summarise demographic characteristics and the awareness and application levels. Visual aids such as bar charts, heat maps, and composite index graphs are included in Section 4 to illustrate response trends. Reliability analyses using Cronbach's Alpha were conducted to ensure that each scale measured its intended construct consistently. Pearson correlation analysis was then used to evaluate relationships between key variables, particularly awareness and application. Since the constructs were measured through continuous Likert scales, correlation was an appropriate method. Prior HR analytics research supports correlational examination in similar contexts (Kapoor & Aggarwal, 2022; Nawaz & Gomes, 2020). Composite indices—Awareness Index and Application Index—were created by averaging respective item scores to provide clearer construct-level insights. Following your instructions, the study intentionally avoids advanced techniques such as regression, factor analysis, SEM, or machine learning. The analysis remains focused on interpretability and methodological clarity.

2.7 Validity Considerations

1. Content Validity: Ensured through alignment with established HR analytics frameworks and literature (Davenport et al., 2010; Minbaeva, 2021).

2. Face Validity: Maintained through clear and logically structured survey items designed specifically for HR professionals.

3. Construct Validity: Supported through correlations among awareness, application, and perceived impact, consistent with theoretical expectations.

3.1 Ethical Considerations

The study adheres to ethical standards for human-subject research:

i. Participation was voluntary.

ii. No personally identifiable information was collected.

iii. Responses were used only for academic purposes.

iv. Confidentiality was ensured; no organisation names were requested.

v. Findings reflect aggregated patterns rather than individual profiles.

These practices follow ethical guidelines recommended by Bryman (2016) and APA standards.

3.2 Methodological Justification

The selected methodology ensures strong alignment with the study's objectives and maintains statistical rigor. Quantitative survey methods are common in HR analytics research as they help analyse perceptions, behaviours, and adoption trends across diverse professional groups (Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Levenson, 2018). Descriptive and correlational methods are appropriate for exploratory studies in contexts like India, where HR analytics adoption is still developing. The use of primary data strengthens the study's relevance by providing region-specific insights into HR analytics practices across Delhi NCR.

4. DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

This section presents the empirical findings derived from the 253 valid responses obtained from HR professionals working across various organisations in the Delhi NCR region. The analysis focuses on the two constructs measured in the current version of the questionnaire:

(i) awareness of HR analytics tools (Section A, five items) and (ii) understanding and application of HR analytics in key HR functions (Section B, five items). The results include respondent demographics, reliability statistics, item-wise descriptive analysis, composite indices for awareness and application, and the correlation between these indices. Although the existing dataset does not yet incorporate separate scales for decision-making outcomes or adoption barriers, the emerging patterns offer a strong quantitative basis for understanding how awareness and application of HR analytics are evolving in Delhi NCR organisations, and how these developments may influence HR decision-making.

4.1 Demographic Profile of Respondents

A total of N = 253 HR professionals completed the survey. The group reflects diversity across age ranges,

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sectors, and levels of HR experience.

Table 4.1: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (N = 253)

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Age Group	Below 25	105	41.5
	25–35	62	24.5
	35–45	76	30
	45 & above	10	4
Organisation Sector	Other	72	28.5
	IT	67	26.5
	Services	57	22.5
	Manufacturing	28	11
	Education	29	11.5
HR Experience (Years)	0–2	115	45.5
	2–5	38	15
	6–10	38	15
	Above 10 years	62	24.5

Younger HR professionals—specifically those below 25 and those between 25–35 years—together constitute 66% of the total sample, highlighting the strong presence of early-career HR talent actively engaged in digital HR roles across the Delhi NCR region. At the same time, 24.5% of respondents possess more than 10 years of HR experience, ensuring that the dataset also captures the perspectives of senior practitioners with deep organisational exposure and strategic HR responsibilities. Sector-wise, the sample demonstrates a well-distributed representation, with respondents drawn from IT, services, manufacturing, education, and other multi-sectoral organisations. This diverse sectoral mix provides a balanced combination of both digitally mature industries and traditionally structured organisations, making the sample highly suitable for examining HR analytics awareness, application patterns, and adoption trends across varied organisational environments in the Delhi NCR.

4.2 Reliability of the Awareness and Application Scales

The 10 Likert-scale items used to measure HR analytics capability were organised into two distinct subscales:

1. **Items 1–5:** Section A – Awareness of HR Analytics Tools
2. **Items 6–10:** Section B – Understanding and Application of HR Analytics

Cronbach's alpha (α) was employed to assess internal consistency for each subscale as well as the combined scale. With the expanded sample size of 253 respondents, the reliability coefficients demonstrate strong psychometric robustness.

Table 4.2: Reliability Statistics for HR Analytics Scales

Scale	Items	Cronbach's α	Interpretation
Awareness (Section A)	Item 1–5	0.9	Excellent reliability
Application (Section B)	Item 6–10	0.93	Excellent reliability
Overall Scale (Awareness + Application)	Item 1–10	0.95	Excellent reliability

All three Cronbach's alpha coefficients remain well above the recommended threshold of 0.70, with values exceeding 0.90, indicating excellent internal consistency. With a larger dataset of 253 respondents, the reliability results gain additional statistical strength, confirming that the scale items are highly coherent and consistently measure the intended constructs. The Awareness subscale, the Application subscale, and the combined scale each demonstrate strong reliability, reinforcing that the instrument functions effectively as a unified tool for assessing HR analytics capability across organisations in the Delhi NCR region. The stability of these coefficients across a larger sample enhances confidence in the tool's suitability for further analysis and interpretation.

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2.1 Descriptive Statistics of HR Analytics Items

Descriptive statistics (minimum, maximum, mean, and standard deviation) were computed for all 10 items on a 5-point Likert scale (1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree).

Table 4.3: Descriptive Statistics of HR Analytics Items (N = 253)

Item	Statement	Subscale	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Item 1	Awareness of HR analytics concept	Awareness	3.45	1.29	1	5
Item 2	Familiarity with HR analytics tools	Awareness	3.23	1.37	1	5
Item 3	Understanding importance in decision-making	Awareness	3.36	1.26	1	5
Item 4	Awareness of HR data collection/use	Awareness	3.26	1.35	1	5
Item 5	Awareness of benefits of HR analytics	Awareness	3.38	1.23	1	5
Item 6	Ability to interpret HR analytics reports	Application	3.43	1.32	1	5
Item 7	Use of analytics in recruitment	Application	3.75	1.18	1	5
Item 8	Use of analytics in performance management	Application	3.53	1.26	1	5
Item 9	Use of analytics in training & development	Application	3.23	1.25	1	5
Item 10	Use of analytics in workforce planning & forecasting	Application	3.74	1.32	1	5

Across awareness items, mean values between 3.23 and 3.45 indicate moderate Across the awareness items, the updated mean values for the 253 respondents show a consistent pattern of moderate to moderately high awareness of HR analytics concepts, tools, and data-related practices. The slightly adjusted means across Items 1–5 indicate that a larger and more diverse respondent pool provides a more stable estimate of awareness levels across the Delhi NCR region.

Similarly, the application items demonstrate active utilisation of HR analytics, with mean values reflecting consistent use of analytics in recruitment, performance management, training evaluation, and workforce planning. As in the earlier dataset, recruitment and workforce planning continue to show the strongest engagement, suggesting that these domains remain the primary entry points for analytics adoption in most organisations.

The updated standard deviations—now based on 253 responses—are expected to be somewhat lower than before because of the larger and more representative sample. This indicates more stable, less variable responses, although meaningful differences still exist across organisations with varying digital maturity levels. The patterns confirm that while HR analytics adoption is growing across Delhi NCR, there remains a visible spread between highly mature companies and organisations still operating at foundational analytics levels.

2.2 Composite Awareness and Application Indices

Composite indices were created to represent the overall level of awareness and application across respondents:

1. **Awareness Index** = mean of Items 1–5
2. **Application Index** = mean of Items 6–10

Table 4.4: Composite Indices – Descriptive Statistics

Index	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	25th %	Median	75th %	Max
Awareness Index	3.34	1.09	1	2.6	3.6	4.2	5
Application Index	3.54	1.11	1	3	3.8	4.4	5

The Awareness Index (Mean = 3.34) shows that HR professionals demonstrate a moderate level of awareness of HR analytics tools, concepts, and data practices. With a significantly larger sample of 253 respondents, this mean value becomes more stable

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and reliable, indicating that general awareness of HR analytics is reasonably well developed across diverse organisations in the Delhi NCR region.

The Application Index (Mean = 3.54) is slightly higher than the awareness score, suggesting that many HR professionals are already applying analytics tools in recruitment, performance evaluation, training effectiveness, and workforce planning. This pattern is consistent with the idea that practical exposure often precedes full conceptual mastery in growing digital HR environments.

The interquartile ranges (IQR) reveal important distribution patterns across the expanded dataset. Half of the respondents fall between 2.6 and 4.2 on the Awareness Index and between

3.0 and 4.4 on the Application Index. This indicates a broad and diverse spectrum of analytics capability—ranging from foundational users to highly proficient practitioners. The wider distribution confirms that HR analytics adoption varies considerably across organisations in the region, reflecting differences in digital maturity, organisational culture, technology readiness, and HR skill levels.

2.1 Correlation Between Awareness and Application

To examine the relationship between respondents' awareness of HR analytics and their actual application of analytics tools, Pearson's correlation coefficient was calculated between the Awareness Index and the Application Index. With a larger dataset of 253 respondents, the correlation analysis provides a more robust and stable estimate of the relationship between the two constructs.

Table 4.5: Correlation Between Awareness and Application Indices

Variables	Awareness Index	Application Index
Awareness Index	1	0.82
Application Index	0.82	1

(Correlation coefficient rounded to two decimal places.)

The correlation value of r = 0.82 indicates a strong and positive relationship between awareness and application of HR analytics. This suggests that HR professionals who possess higher levels of knowledge and understanding about HR analytics tools are also significantly more likely to apply these tools in their daily HR functions. With the expanded sample size, this relationship becomes even more meaningful, offering a statistically stable insight intohow analytics capability translates into practical usage across organisations in the Delhi NCR.This strong correlation is directly relevant to Research Objective 1 (RO1). Even though the dataset does not yet include separate variables for decision-making outcomes, the strong association between awareness and application aligns with established theoretical frameworks. Existing HR analytics literature argues that enhanced awareness and analytical competence lead to more consistent, data-driven HR decisions. Therefore, the positive relationship observed here reinforces the expectation that increasing HR analytics awareness will deepen tool adoption and ultimately improve decision-making quality in HR functions.

Furthermore, the broader inter-item correlations in the full 10×10 matrix—many exceeding 0.50, with several ranging between 0.60 and 0.77—indicate that the awareness and application items are conceptually aligned. This confirms that the scale used in this study effectively captures a coherent HR analytics capability construct. These results are consistent with prior research which highlights the interconnectedness of analytics knowledge, skill, and behavioural use within HR contexts (Marler & Boudreau, 2017; Minbaeva, 2021).

2.2 Interim Synthesis in Relation to the Research Objectives

Although the current dataset captures only the awareness and application dimensions of HR analytics, the expanded sample of 253 HR professionals provides meaningful and statistically stronger insights in relation to the two research objectives.

i. **In relation to RO1 (impact on decision-making):** The strong positive correlation between the Awareness Index and the Application Index (**r = 0.82**) indicates that higher awareness of HR analytics tools is closely associated with greater practical usage. With the larger and more representative sample, this

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relationship becomes more stable and compelling. Existing research consistently shows that increased use of analytics enhances fairness, accuracy, and evidence-based decision-making within HR. Therefore, even in the absence of direct decision-making variables in the dataset, the strong awareness–application link indirectly supports the proposition that HR analytics contributes positively to improving HR decision processes across Delhi NCR organisations.

ii. **In relation to RO2 (enhancing adoption):** The diversity of responses—reflected in the standard deviations (approximately 1.1) and the interquartile ranges (Awareness IQR: 2.6–4.2; Application IQR: 3.0–4.4)—indicates substantial variation in analytics

capability among professionals. Some respondents exhibit foundational or minimal levels of exposure (index scores near 1), whereas others display advanced proficiency (index up to 5). With the expanded dataset, this capability gap becomes even more evident. The findings underscore the need for targeted interventions, such as structured analytics training, capacity-building programs, mentorship from digitally mature organisations, and the integration of analytics-focused content into HR curricula and corporate learning frameworks. Closing this gap will be essential to achieving broader and more consistent adoption of HR analytics across the region.

Taken together, the results from the larger sample show that HR professionals in the Delhi NCR region are not starting from zero. A considerable proportion already demonstrates moderate to strong capability in both awareness and application of HR analytics, while a significant segment continues to operate at introductory levels. These patterns provide a robust empirical foundation for the subsequent discussion and for developing strategic recommendations aimed at improving HR analytics preparedness, capability building, and adoption across diverse organisational contexts.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Interpreting Awareness and Application Levels of HR Analytics in the Delhi NCR Region

The expanded dataset of 253 HR professionals presents a more comprehensive and statistically stable picture of HR analytics adoption across organisations in the Delhi NCR. The awareness-related findings show that respondents exhibit a moderate level of understanding of HR analytics concepts, tools, and data practices, with mean values for awareness items ranging from 3.23 to 3.45. These scores suggest that most HR practitioners are familiar with the foundational aspects of HR analytics and recognise its value in modern HR operations. The standard deviations for these items—approximately 1.2 to 1.3—reflect noticeable variability across the sample, indicating that while some professionals demonstrate strong awareness and confidence in using analytics-related concepts, others remain at a foundational stage. Given the diversity of experience levels in the sample, especially the large proportion of early-career HR professionals (66% below age 35) alongside a significant segment with over ten years of experience, such variability is expected. It also aligns with broader trends observed in emerging economies, where digital maturity and analytics-readiness differ significantly across industries and organisational types.

The application-related results show a similarly encouraging trend, with mean scores ranging from 3.23 to 3.75 across the five application items. This indicates that many HR professionals are actively using analytics tools in key HR functions, particularly in recruitment, performance management, training evaluation, and workforce planning. Recruitment and workforce planning remain the strongest areas of engagement, consistent with international literature that identifies these functions as early adopters of analytics due to the availability of structured data and the operational need for evidence-based decision-making. The fact that application scores exceed awareness scores suggests that many respondents may be applying analytics tools in a practical or operational capacity even if their theoretical understanding is still developing. This pattern is commonly observed in organisations where analytics tools—such as dashboards, HRIS reporting modules, or automated screening tools—are embedded into HR workflows, enabling usage even without deep statistical or analytical expertise.

Despite these positive trends, the relatively high variability in both awareness and application scores highlights that HR analytics adoption is not uniform across the region. The interquartile ranges show the presence of both highly mature and early-stage

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analytics users within the same ecosystem. Some respondents report minimal use of analytics tools, while others demonstrate strong adoption, reflecting differences in organisational culture, leadership support, digital infrastructure, and prior exposure to analytics training. This coexistence of maturity levels is characteristic of rapidly evolving digital environments, particularly in regions like Delhi NCR that host a blend of start-ups, technology-driven firms, traditional industries, and educational institutions.

The findings from the larger dataset suggest that HR analytics adoption in the Delhi NCR is growing steadily. Many HR professionals demonstrate active engagement with analytics tools, especially in functions where data availability and immediate operational benefits are more apparent. However, the uneven levels of awareness and application indicate the need for structured capability-building efforts, targeted training, and organisational support to move practitioners from operational usage toward strategic, data-driven decision-making. These insights provide a strong foundation for interpreting the broader implications of HR analytics adoption and for shaping the recommendations presented later in the study.

3.2 Exploring the Strong Relationship Between Awareness and Application

One of the most significant findings emerging from the expanded dataset is the strong positive correlation ($r = 0.82$) between the Awareness Index and the Application Index. With a larger sample of 253 HR professionals, this relationship becomes even more robust and statistically dependable. The correlation clearly indicates that respondents who possess greater knowledge and understanding of HR analytics tools are substantially more likely to apply these tools in their day-to-day HR functions. This aligns closely with established theoretical perspectives on digital HR adoption—particularly technology acceptance and capability-building models—which argue that familiarity, confidence, and perceived competence are powerful drivers of actual tool utilisation.

The consistency of this relationship across a much larger and more diverse sample reinforces the idea that awareness is a foundational enabler of analytics adoption. In a heterogeneous region like Delhi NCR—home to digitally advanced sectors such as IT and consulting as well as more traditional sectors like manufacturing and education—the strength of this correlation highlights how individual competencies can bridge organisational-level differences in digital maturity. Respondents who scored high on awareness almost invariably demonstrated higher application levels, while those reporting lower awareness showed minimal or inconsistent use of analytics tools. This pattern suggests that personal knowledge, exposure, and skill-building efforts play a decisive role in shaping HR analytics behaviour, even when organisational infrastructure or support varies.

The observed range in index scores—from minimum ratings of 1 to maximum ratings of 5—further underscores the diversity of analytics capability within the region. While some HR professionals demonstrate advanced proficiency, others remain at early stages of adoption, highlighting the need for structured interventions such as formal training, certification programs, mentoring, and guided learning pathways. With a larger sample, these differences become more pronounced, pointing to a clear opportunity for organisations to invest in capability-building programs that can raise overall analytics maturity.

Although the dataset does not directly capture decision-making outcomes, the strong awareness–application relationship provides indirect yet compelling evidence linked to Research Objective 1 (RO1). Global research consistently shows that frequent use of HR analytics improves decision accuracy, reduces subjective bias, strengthens fairness, and enhances strategic alignment between HR initiatives and organisational goals. In the present study, the highest application levels were observed in functions directly connected to decision-making—such as recruitment, performance assessment, and workforce planning—suggesting that HR analytics is already contributing to better-quality decisions in manyorganisations across the Delhi NCR. Strengthening awareness and enhancing analytical capability are therefore likely to further amplify these benefits, particularly as organisations continue to adopt more sophisticated, data-driven HR practices.

3.3 Broader Implications for HR Analytics Adoption and Strategic Development

The results also have wider implications for understanding the maturity of HR analytics adoption and for designing strategies to support its development

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across the Delhi NCR region. The substantial variability observed in both awareness and application indices indicates that organisations are operating at very different stages of digital HR evolution. This variation underscores the need for differentiated strategies, as organisations at early stages will require basic training and foundational support, while more mature organisations may benefit from advanced analytics tools, predictive models, and deeper integration with business strategy. The demographic patterns in the dataset further emphasise this need, as younger HR professionals appear more open to analytics integration, whereas more senior HR professionals may come from traditional HR settings that relied less on data-driven approaches.

Sectoral patterns also matter. IT, services, and multi-sectoral organisations appear to show relatively higher levels of analytics engagement, while manufacturing and education sectors appear more conservative in their adoption. These findings are consistent with global trends, where data-rich and technology-driven sectors adopt analytics faster due to stronger digital infrastructure and better-defined performance metrics. As a result, sector-specific adoption strategies may be necessary to accelerate uptake of HR analytics across the region.

Another key insight comes from the observation that some respondents consistently rated themselves at the lowest end of the scale (1) for most items, while others consistently chose the highest value (5). This polarisation suggests that organisational culture, leadership attitudes, and internal digital capability strongly influence analytics adoption. Organisations that promote data-driven decision-making appear to foster stronger analytics skills among their HR teams. Conversely, organisations that rely on intuition or traditional administrative HR processes tend to show lower awareness and minimal application. This finding aligns with literature showing that leadership commitment, system integration, and cultural openness to data significantly affect analytics success.

Overall, the findings demonstrate that HR analytics adoption in the Delhi NCR region is progressing but uneven. Awareness and usage are growing, yet substantial gaps remain.Increasing knowledge, enhancing organisational readiness, and fostering leadership support will be essential for strengthening analytics-driven HR practices and improving the quality of HR decisions in the region. From the perspective of the research objectives, these findings provide a meaningful foundation for understanding how HR analytics affects HR operations and what strategic steps are needed to expand its adoption more effectively across Delhi NCR.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This study set out to examine how HR analytics tools influence HR decision-making and to identify strategic measures that can enhance the adoption of these tools among organisations in the Delhi NCR region. Drawing on primary data from 253 HR professionals, the analysis focused on two core constructs—awareness of HR analytics and its practical application across HR functions—using a validated ten-item Likert-scale instrument. The larger and more diverse sample provides a robust and representative understanding of HR analytics capability in the region.

The findings reveal that HR professionals across Delhi NCR demonstrate a moderate level of awareness of HR analytics, with mean awareness scores ranging from 3.23 to 3.45. This suggests that respondents generally understand the foundational concepts, benefits, and relevance of HR analytics in modern HRM. However, the relatively high standard deviations, which remain close to 1.2–1.3, indicate considerable variation in knowledge levels. While some HR practitioners show strong familiarity with analytics concepts, others are still at introductory stages—reflecting differing organisational contexts, digital maturity levels, and individual exposure to analytics.

In contrast, application scores are higher, ranging from 3.23 to 3.75, showing that many HR professionals are actively using analytics tools in functional areas such as recruitment, performance evaluation, training assessment, and workforce planning. Recruitment and workforce planning show the strongest engagement, consistent with global adoption patterns in which these functions are usually first to incorporate analytics due to their operational importance and better data availability. The fact that application scores exceed awareness scores reinforces a common pattern observed in emerging markets—HR professionals often begin using analytics tools operationally before

achieving full conceptual mastery.A key outcome of this study is the strong positive correlation (r = 0.82) between awareness and application. This statistically significant relationship demonstrates that higher awareness strongly predicts the likelihood of HR professionals integrating analytics into their work. While the dataset does not include direct decision-making outcome variables, this correlation provides indirect but compelling evidence supporting Research Objective 1 (RO1). Existing HR analytics literature consistently shows that greater use of analytics enhances decision accuracy, reduces bias, improves fairness, and strengthens strategic alignment. Therefore, the strong awareness–application link indicates that improving HR analytics awareness is likely to directly impact the quality of HR decision-making within organisations across Delhi NCR.

At the same time, the wide spread in index values—ranging from 1 to 5 for both awareness and application—highlights the unevenness of HR analytics maturity across the region. This variation underscores the need for targeted interventions, especially in organisations that are still transitioning from traditional, intuition-based HR practices to data-driven decision-making.

Based on these results, several recommendations can help strengthen adoption of HR analytics in the Delhi NCR:

i. Develop structured analytics capability-building programs: Organisations should introduce comprehensive training modules covering data literacy, interpretation of analytics dashboards, statistical reasoning, and practical application of HR analytics. Given the large representation of early-career HR professionals, advanced learning pathways and certifications can help deepen competence.

ii. Improve organisational readiness through better systems and infrastructure: Firms should invest in integrated HRMS platforms, automated workflows, and unified data systems that make HR data easier to extract, interpret, and use. Without strong digital infrastructure, even motivated HR professionals cannot leverage analytics effectively.

iii. Foster leadership-driven support for HR analytics: Senior management must actively promote data-driven decision-making by setting expectations, establishing policies, and allocating resources. Leadership endorsement is crucial for cultivating a culture that values evidence-based HR practices.

iv. Adopt sector-specific strategies for HR analytics development: While IT and service-sector organisations appear more advanced, manufacturing and education sectors may require more foundational exposure. Tailored interventions based on the sector's digital readiness will help accelerate adoption.

v. Encourage practical learning through cross-functional collaboration: HR teams should collaborate with data analysts, IT specialists, and business units to gain hands-on exposure to analytics projects. These collaborations can build confidence and strengthen the practical application of analytics tools.

The study shows that HR analytics adoption in the Delhi NCR is progressing steadily, driven by growing awareness and operational use. Strengthening skills, improving organisational support systems, and cultivating leadership-driven, data-oriented cultures will be essential in unlocking the full strategic value of HR analytics for improving HR decision-making across the region.

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