Developing Capacity of Stakeholders towards Green Factories: An Action Research



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Introduction

- The Industrial sector is one of the most prominent sectors which drives the Indian economy. Its overall growth in 2008-09 has been reported to be 9.5%.
- The industries have pursued their manufacturing operations without giving much attention to environmental issue.
- This has resulted in impact on resources, besides creating impacts on human health and wellbeing.
- This indicates towards a rampant need for the development and adoption of green building rating systems in manufacturing sector.



Green Factory Rating System

Aspect of Green Factory





Significance

Stakeholder participation and awareness is required for initiation of this movement



Training programme was thus sought to be a tool for awareness and information sharing to empowering stakeholders

The research focused on

- To understand IEQ credits
- Benefits

Training intervention

- Knowledge Change
- Perception Change

Case Profiling

Guiding framework for developing



Objectives

- To do case profiling of operational green factories.
- To study the knowledge and perception of stakeholders vis a vis green factories.
- Developing a need based training program regarding Indoor environmental quality in factories.
- To conduct the training program to generate awareness regarding Indoor environmental quality and occupational health in factories.
- To study post training change in knowledge and perception regarding green factories.
- To appraise the training program from the perspective of stakeholders.



METHODOLOGY

LOCALE

Intervention –

NCR

Case profile

- •Grundfos Pvt Ltd, Chennai
- •SFK India, Haridwar)

SAMPLE

Stakeholders from manufacturing corporations in NCR

Top managers



Middle managers



Selection

Phase-1- Selection of the Organization

A listing of all the manufacturing corporations located in Capital and National Capital Region

The corporations were contacted through mails and explained the purpose of the study.

Two were selected randomly

Organizational structure of these organizations was studied

Specific level of managers were targeted and included in the training program



Selection

Phase-2 Selection of sample

The sample comprised of all the top and middle level manager who were deputed by the organization for training.



Study tools

Case Study

- Checklist for green features
- A general framework for eliciting information of the project

Interview Schedule

 To assess the perception

Knowledge testing questionnaire

To assess knowledge

Tool for Training Evaluation

To assess
affective and
attitudinal
responses to
the training
program



Training Program- Content

Training module 1: Awareness generation and motivation

- Session A: Understanding Sustainability
- Session B: Climate Change and Global Warming: Adaptation and mitigation
- Session C : Recapitulation

Training module 2: Green built environment

- Session A: Sustainable Built environment: Green buildings and Green Factories
- Session B : Green Rating Systems : IGBC and LEED (USGBC)
- Session C : Recapitulation

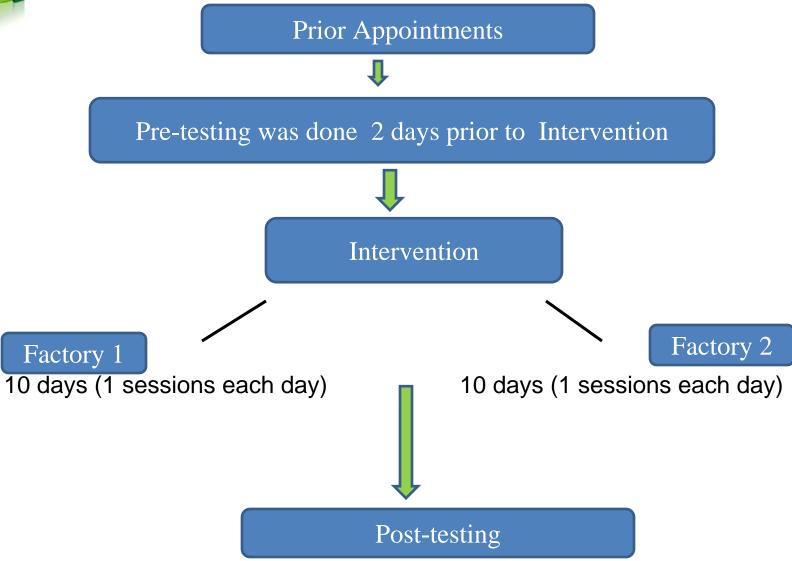
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Training module 3: IGBC Green Factory Rating system

- Session A: Green factory rating system
- Session B: Indoor Air Quality and occupation health: Benefits and Credits
- Session C : Recapitulation

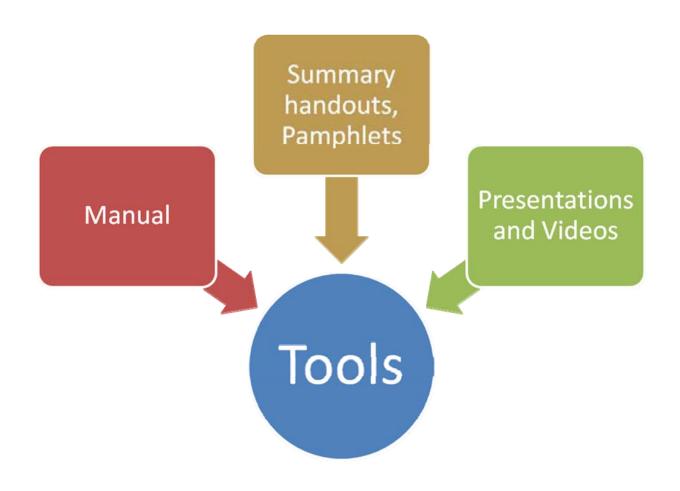


Intervention Schedule





Training Programme tools





Snapshot Training Manual





FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS



Case Profile - I

Grundfos Pumps Green Factory (Chennai)

- •Registered for IGBC Green factory "Gold" certification in 2010
- •It has applied for 80 points in total out of which 19 pertain to Indoor environment quality and Occupational Health

SKF India Factory, Haridwar

- •Registered for IGBC Green factory "Gold" certification in 2010
- •It has applied for 70 points in total out of which 9 pertain to Indoor environment quality and Occupational Health



IEQ Technologies

- •A designated smoking room in the facility
- •Use high efficiency filters at main HVAC intakes
- •CO₂ sensors have been installed
- •95% daylight penetrates through windows for at least 95% regularly occupied areas
- •Low emitting materials such as VOC sealant/ carpets/ composite woods/ paints used
- •Facilities provided in the breakout spaces include- Canteen, sitting space, toilets, restrooms, locker facilities



Benefits

	Percentage	
	Grundfos	SFK
Reduction in Energy Consumption	20-30%	20%
Reduction in Incidence of sickness	10-20%	15%
Increase in Employee productivity	10-20%	20%
Reduced Incidence of employee absenteeism	5-10%	15%

The workers perceived that working green factories had a positive impact on them.



Intervention



•Knowledge of the participants was tested on following

Sustainable development and global warming

Green built environment

Green rating systems

IEQ credits of green factory rating system



- In pretest majority of respondents misconceived green buildings to be associated with high cost construction and green in color. In post-test respondents were able to comprehend the health and productivity benefits of green buildings
- Percentage of respondents that could identify green rating systems increased from 10% in pre-test to 100% in post-test.
- The knowledge towards IEQ was seen to be quite low amongst respondents in pre-test.
- They were acquainted with these concepts and their importance by drawing examples from existing green factories



The perception of the respondents were sought on following heads:

- Sustainable development and climate change
- Towards self as a factor towards ecosystem
- Green built environment
- Indoor environment quality and occupational health

Perceived benefits of green factory

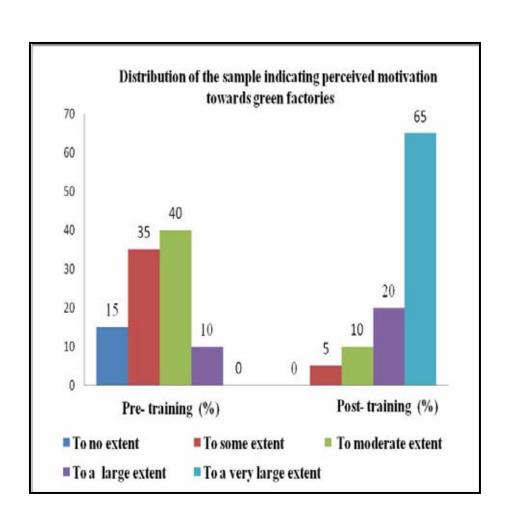
 Motivation towards adoption of various aspects of Green Factory Rating System Perceived motivation towards green factories



- Pre-training respondents were seen to oblivious to the seriousness of climate change as they perceived it to be exaggerated.
- They also showed a positive perception post-training towards sustainable development as they were interested in knowing how they can access workshops, seminar relating to these issues.
- Post training more than three fourth (85%) respondents were motivated to adopt green factory certification to a large extent' as compared to only 10% prior to training.



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- Respondents realized their duty towards the protection of environment which can be seen as the first step towards the initiation of green movement.





Pre and post training motivation- A comparison

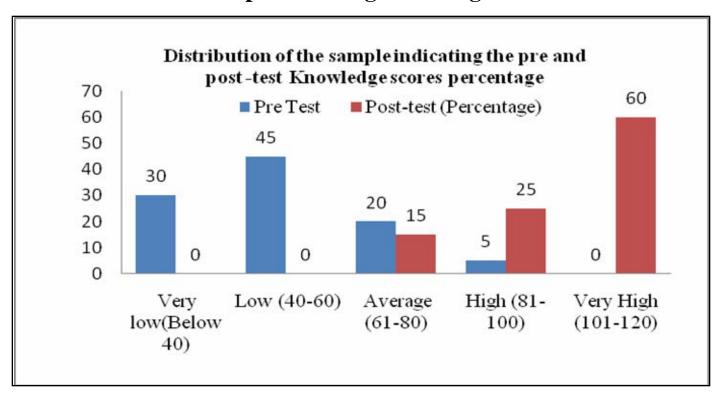
•Post-training 90% of respondents expressed their willingness to adopt green factory rating system.

Perceived barriers for adoption

- •Majority responses (90%) indicated towards the lack of knowledge and awareness as being the major barrier towards adoption of green factories.
- •70% responses were received for the lack of institutional framework for effective implementation of green factories



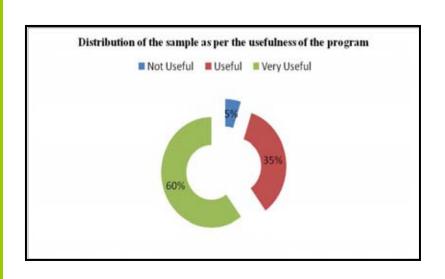
Pre and post training knowledge scores

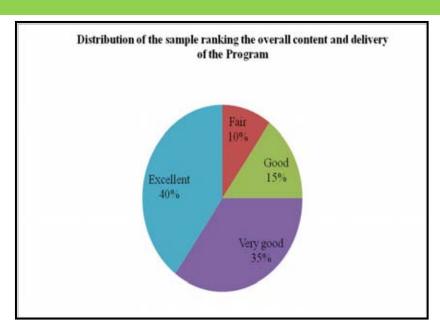


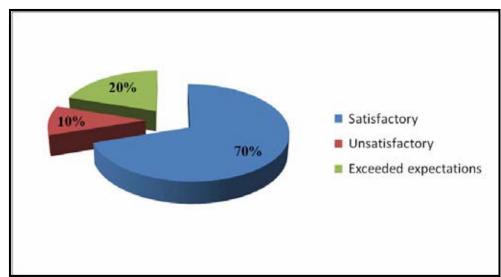
The training was found to have statically significant impact on knowledge level and perception of managers.



Training programme appraisal









Summary and Conclusions

- IGBC green factory helped both the factories to venture into green manufacturing.
- Hence such rating systems should also be formulated by other leading rating programmes i.e. LEED, CASBEE, BREEHAM etc.
- Such interventions can be taken up at a wider scale to motivate stakeholders.
- Incorporating the knowledge regarding the same school curriculum
- Green factory rating system can be incorporated in policy framework to promote greater willingness on part of industries.



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