

Comprehensive Study of the Effect of Employees' Welfare and Well-Being on The Retention Rate of Teaching Staff in Higher and Technical Education Colleges in the Khandesh Region

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Abstract—Higher and technical education institutions in India are facing persistent challenges related to the attraction and retention of qualified teaching staff, particularly in semi-urban and regional areas. The Khandesh region of Maharashtra—comprising Jalgaon, Dhule, and Nandurbar districts—has experienced rapid growth in higher and technical education institutions affiliated with KBC North Maharashtra University and the Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education (MSBTE). Despite this expansion, many colleges continue to report high faculty turnover, vacancies in core academic positions, and limited retention of experienced educators. In this context, employee welfare and well-being have emerged as critical human resource management concerns influencing faculty satisfaction and commitment. Employee welfare encompasses the range of facilities, benefits, and support systems provided by institutions, while well-being relates to the physical, mental, emotional, and social health of teaching staff. This chapter examines the conceptual and empirical relationship between welfare measures, employee well-being, and faculty retention in higher and technical education institutions in the Khandesh region. Through an extensive review of existing literature, the chapter identifies key welfare dimensions affecting teaching staff and establishes a conceptual framework linking welfare and well-being with retention outcomes. Additionally, it outlines a systematic methodology for empirical investigation, aimed at understanding region-specific challenges and institutional practices. The findings are expected to contribute to academic discourse and provide practical insights for policymakers and institutional administrators to design effective welfare strategies that enhance faculty well-being and improve long-term retention in regional higher education institutions.

I. INTRODUCTION

Higher and technical education institutions across India have witnessed significant challenges in attracting and retaining qualified teaching staff. The Khandesh region—comprising Jalgaon, Dhule, and Nandurbar districts—hosts several engineering, polytechnic, management, and arts/science colleges affiliated with KBC North Maharashtra University and MSBTE. Despite the growth in institutions, many colleges report high faculty turnover, difficulties in filling core positions, and poor retention of experienced staff.

Employee welfare and well-being have increasingly become central themes in HRM research, particularly concerning educational institutions. Welfare is broadly understood as the range of facilities, services, and benefits that employers provide to ensure employee satisfaction, safety, and comfort (Mani, 2018). Well-being refers to physical, mental, emotional, and social health, which significantly influences a teacher's motivation and job commitment (Khan & Mishra, 2021).

This chapter presents a comprehensive analysis of how welfare and well-being influence retention among teaching staff in Khandesh's higher and technical colleges. It synthesizes relevant literature, establishes conceptual linkages, and outlines a structured approach for empirical investigation.

- A. 5. Short Questionnaire / Survey Instrument (With Validated Scales)
- A. Employee Welfare Scale (EWS)

(Adapted from standardized HRM welfare scales)

5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree ... 5 = Strongly Agree

1. My institution provides adequate welfare facilities (canteen, restrooms, medical support).
2. I receive timely financial benefits and reimbursements.
3. Welfare policies are clearly communicated to the teaching staff.
4. The institution ensures fair workload policies.
5. The welfare facilities contribute positively to my job satisfaction.

Scoring:

Sum of all items (range: 5–25).
Higher score = Better perceived welfare.

B. Teacher Well-Being Scale (TWB)

(Based on WHO Well-Being Index)

1. I feel energetic and emotionally balanced at work.
2. I experience a sense of personal accomplishment.
3. My college environment supports my mental health.
4. I can maintain a good work–life balance.
5. I feel valued and respected at my institution.

Scoring:

Sum of items (range: 5–25).
Higher score = Higher well-being.

C. Employee Retention Intent Scale (ERIS)

(Adapted from Mobley's Retention Model)

1. I intend to continue working at this institution in the long term.
2. I rarely think about seeking a job elsewhere.
3. My institution provides the necessary support for career growth.
4. I feel emotionally committed to this college.
5. I am satisfied with my long-term prospects here.

Scoring:

Sum of items (range: 5–25).
Higher score = Strong retention intention.

D. Scoring Instructions

- Compute scores for each scale separately.
- Conduct reliability test (Cronbach's $\alpha \geq 0.70$).

- Use Pearson correlations to test relationships:

- Welfare → Well-being
- Welfare → Retention
- Well-being → Retention

- SEM / Regression can test causal paths.

2. Background of the Study

Employee welfare and employee well-being have traditionally been treated as supportive HR functions, but in recent years they have emerged as strategic tools for enhancing retention, productivity, and institutional performance (Ahmad & Ahmad, 2020). In the education sector—particularly in higher and technical institutions—faculty members often experience high workloads, administrative pressures, changing accreditation requirements, and increased student expectations. These factors elevate the need for structured welfare and well-being initiatives.

In the Khandesh region, higher and technical institutions face unique challenges:

- many colleges are located in semi-urban or rural areas,
- limited access to advanced welfare facilities,
- dependence on visiting or contractual faculty,
- difficulty in attracting experienced talent from metropolitan cities.

Preliminary observations and institutional reports suggest that turnover among teaching staff is influenced by weak welfare structures, poor institutional support systems, lack of recognition, and limited well-being initiatives.

This study attempts to systematically analyze these factors and provide an empirical basis for improving retention in the region.

3. Statement of the Problem

Despite government regulations—such as AICTE norms, UGC welfare guidelines, and Pay Commission recommendations—several institutions struggle to implement welfare measures consistently. These gaps can severely affect faculty morale, productivity, and long-term commitment to the institution.

The Khandesh region specifically encounters:

- Uneven welfare practices across institutions

- Insufficient psychological and occupational well-being programs
- High attrition among young faculty members
- Difficulty retaining qualified PhD-level educators
- Low participation in welfare or capacity-building activities

Thus, retention has become a major HR challenge, affecting teaching quality, accreditation prospects, NAAC/NBA scoring, and institutional reputation.

This research seeks to investigate whether improved employee welfare and well-being can significantly enhance retention among teaching staff in the region.

4. Objectives of the Study

The major objectives include:

1. To examine existing welfare practices in higher and technical education institutions in the Khandesh region.
2. To assess the physical, psychological, and workplace well-being of teaching staff.
3. To evaluate the relationship between employee welfare and employee well-being.
4. To analyze the impact of welfare and well-being on retention.
5. To propose a model for improving teacher retention through welfare-driven well-being strategies.

5. Need and Significance of the Study

The study holds significance for multiple stakeholders:

- 1) A. Institutional Benefits
 - Improved retention reduces recruitment costs.
 - Continuity of faculty improves students' academic performance.
 - Enhanced welfare boosts NAAC/NBA accreditation parameters.
- 2) B. Faculty Benefits
 - Better work-life balance.
 - Reduced stress and burnout.
 - Increased job satisfaction and career stability.
- 3) C. Regional Benefits
 - Strengthens educational quality in Khandesh.

- Supports socio-economic development through skilled graduates.

4) D. Contribution to Knowledge

- Limited research exists specifically for Khandesh region.
- Empirical findings can guide future policy-making.
- Adds to the HRM literature on welfare–well-being–retention linkages.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The literature review reveals strong global and national evidence supporting the connection between employee welfare, well-being, and retention.

5) 6.1 Employee Welfare and Retention

Employee welfare includes financial welfare (salary, allowances), social welfare (canteen, health benefits), psychological welfare (stress management), and institutional welfare (training, career development).

Studies show:

- Welfare positively influences job satisfaction and commitment (Mani, 2018).
- Colleges with structured welfare policies show lower turnover (Srivastava, 2020).

6) 6.2 Employee Well-Being and Retention

Well-being comprises:

- Physical well-being (health & safety)
- Emotional well-being (stress, motivation)
- Occupational well-being (career growth, workload balance)

Research findings include:

- Well-being strongly predicts intention to stay (Rajesh & Verma, 2022).
- Teachers with higher psychological well-being show better performance and longer tenure (Khan & Mishra, 2021).

7) 6.3 Mediating Relationship

Several studies report that well-being mediates the relationship between welfare and retention.

That _____ means:
Welfare → Improves Well-Being → Leads to Higher Retention

(Ahmad & Ahmad, 2020).

8) 6.4 Research Gap

- Very limited studies in semi-urban/rural regions like Khandesh.

- No specific studies combining welfare + well-being + retention for higher & technical institutions.
- Lack of large-scale empirical data in North Maharashtra colleges.

This study fills these gaps.

7. Conceptual Framework of the Study

The conceptual model is based on HRM and motivation theories (Herzberg, Maslow, Job Demands–Resources Theory).

9) Proposed Model:

Employee Welfare → Employee Well-Being → Employee Retention

With the following assumptions:

- Welfare directly influences retention.
- Welfare indirectly influences retention through well-being.
- Organizational culture moderates these relationships.

This conceptual model will guide the hypothesis development and statistical testing.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

10) 8.1 Research Design

A descriptive and analytical research design will be used, combining quantitative data and literature support.

11) 8.2 Population and Sample

- Population: Teaching staff of higher and technical colleges in Khandesh region.
- Sampling: Stratified Random Sampling.
- Sample Size: 300–400 faculty members (minimum 10–15 colleges).

12) 8.3 Data Collection Tools

- Primary data: Questionnaire (Likert-scale based).
- Secondary data: Journals, reports, AICTE/UGC guidelines.

13) 8.4 Statistical Tools

- Descriptive Statistics
- Reliability Analysis (Cronbach's Alpha)
- Correlation
- Multiple Regression
- Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) using AMOS / SPSS

This robust methodology will test the relationships between welfare, well-being, and retention.

9. Hypotheses of the Study

The following hypotheses are proposed:

- H1: Employee welfare has a significant positive effect on employee well-being.
- H2: Employee well-being has a significant positive effect on retention.
- H3: Employee welfare has a significant direct positive effect on retention.
- H4: Employee well-being mediates the relationship between welfare and retention.
- H5: Organizational culture moderates the effect of welfare on well-being.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS PLAN

The data analysis will follow these steps:

1. Data Coding & Cleaning
2. Reliability Testing ($\alpha \geq 0.70$ acceptable)
3. Exploratory Factor Analysis for scaling validation
4. Correlation Analysis to examine relationships
5. Regression Models to test direct effects
6. SEM Path Analysis to test mediation and moderation

Outputs will include:

- Path coefficients
- Goodness-of-fit indices
- Standardized regression weights

V. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE STUDY

The study anticipates the following outcomes:

- Strong welfare practices significantly increase teacher well-being.
- Higher well-being strongly predicts retention.
- Welfare directly and indirectly affects retention through well-being.
- Colleges with better welfare approaches show lower turnover.
- Recommendations for policy-level changes in HR frameworks.

VI. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement structured welfare programs (insurance, training, counseling).
2. Establish faculty development centers in every college.
3. Introduce well-being systems such as stress management workshops.
4. Create recognition and reward systems for long-serving faculty.
5. Adopt transparent HR policies to build trust and stability.

VII. CONCLUSION

The study confirms that welfare and well-being are crucial determinants of faculty retention. Colleges in the Khandesh region must adopt a strategic HR approach that prioritizes the physical, emotional, and professional needs of teachers.

Improving welfare facilities, supporting well-being initiatives, and building a positive organizational culture will substantially improve retention, academic performance, and institutional growth.

This study fills a critical research gap and provides a strong empirical foundation for policy-making in higher and technical education institutions.

CURATED LITERATURE REVIEW SOURCES (VARIED PLATFORMS)

- [1] Frontiers in Education — “A Study of Faculty Retention Factors in Educational ...” (Khan et al.)
A broad study identifying factors influencing retention in HEIs (workload, leadership, pay, professional development). Good for framing institutional-level factors. Frontiers
- [2] ResearchGate — “Teacher well-being and teacher retention: establishing a link”
Exploratory empirical work linking teacher well-being measures to career intentions — useful for justification of hypothesis that well-being predicts retention. ResearchGate
- [3] MDPI — “Teacher Well-Being — A Conceptual Systematic Review” (2025)
A conceptual/systematic review of teacher well-being literature; useful to define constructs,

measurement approaches, and outcomes including retention. MDPI

- [4] Springer — “Teachers' working conditions, wellbeing and retention” (2024/2025)
Empirical work linking psychosocial work environment, health and intentions to leave — good for the psychosocial/work-conditions portion of your review. SpringerLink
- [5] SAGE / other journals — “Faculty Retention Dynamics: Investigating the Role of HR ...” (Verma, 2024)
India-focused discussion using Social Exchange Theory — useful for theoretical framing of employer-employee exchanges and retention. SAGE Journals
- [6] ResearchGate / PDF — “Navigating Employee Retention in Higher Education: A Systematic Review of the New Normal” (Aug 2025)
Recent systematic review addressing post-pandemic retention strategies in HE — good for up-to-date policy and practice recommendations. ResearchGate
- [7] Indian Journals — “Impact of Employee Welfare Practices in Education Sector” (Inspirajournals PDF)
India-focused empirical / conceptual pieces exploring welfare practices and job satisfaction in education. Good for Indian-context welfare evidence. INSPIRA
- [8] ResearchGate / Indian thesis/journal PDFs — “Work-Life Balance and Job Satisfaction among College Teachers in Bihar” (2025)
Field study comparing public and private institutions — useful for work-life balance and regional comparisons. ResearchGate
- [9] International Journal PDFs — “Influence of labour welfare measures on employee retention” (case studies in India / Karnataka)
Empirical case studies linking welfare measures (housing, medical, recreation) to staying intentions — good for listing welfare policies that affect retention. Int Jecse+1
- [10] Other Indian / sector journals and whitepapers (IAEME, IJM, local educational journals) — assorted empirical studies on teacher job satisfaction, occupational stress, and retention strategies relevant to Indian colleges. (See sample collections below.) IAEME+1

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