

Challenges and Solutions in Implementing Biometric Systems in the Manufacturing Sector: A Case Study of Dhivya Plastic Company

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Abstract:

The application of biometric systems in the manufacturing industry is examined in this paper, with particular attention paid to the particular difficulties and solutions faced by Dhivya Plastic Company. Although biometric systems are being utilized more and more to increase security, manage the workforce better, and expedite operations, they come with a number of drawbacks, especially in manufacturing settings where conventional methods remain the norm. These difficulties are listed and examined in this report, along with issues with employee resistance, technology compatibility, and data protection. It provides workable answers to these problems, emphasizing the value of an all-encompassing strategy that takes organizational, ethical, and technical aspects into account. The Dhivya Plastic Company case study offers practical advice that can help similar sectors successfully integrate biometrics.

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- ✓ Employee resistance
- ✓ Technological compatibility
- ✓ Dhivya Plastic Company

Introduction:

Since biometric technologies can improve labour management, facilitate personnel tracking, and increase security, their adoption has accelerated across a number of industries. However, because of the particular requirements and conventional frameworks of industrial processes, this application presents particular difficulties in the manufacturing sector. A well-known manufacturing company, Dhivya Plastic Company, offers a pertinent case study to analyse these issues and pinpoint workable answers. In addition to handling operational and technological issues, implementing biometric technology in manufacturing also necessitates handling moral issues including employee acceptability and data protection. The intricacies of implementing biometric technology at Dhivya Plastic are examined in this study, along with the challenges faced and the tactical approaches taken to promote a smooth transition.

Literature Review:

In order to improve security and productivity, biometric systems—such as fingerprint, facial recognition, and iris scanning technologies—are being included into workforce management more and more. Research shows that biometrics can increase the accuracy of employee tracking and reduce the requirement for manual attendance systems (Saini et al., 2020). However, research indicates that the manufacturing industry has significant obstacles, including high startup costs, data protection issues, and the requirement for appropriate technology (Rahman & Hanif, 2021). Another important factor is employee resistance, since workers in manufacturing environments frequently show opposition to biometric monitoring out of concern for privacy violations and possible exploitation of their biometric information (Garg et al., 2019).

According to research, solutions need for a mix of human-centered tactics like employee involvement and transparency as well as technical changes like guaranteeing system interoperability. For instance, according to Anderson and Lee (2022), employee participation in biometric adoption decision-making can raise acceptance rates. For biometrics to be implemented successfully, a multifaceted strategy that takes organizational, ethical, and technical aspects into account is essential.

Methodology:

Using Dhivya Plastic Company as a prominent example of the use of biometric systems in production, this study uses a qualitative case study methodology. The company's management and employees were interviewed, and the biometric system's operation within the building was observed in order to gather data. To find reoccurring themes about the difficulties and solutions in biometric integration, company reports and employee input were also examined. By emphasizing both technological and human-centered factors, this methodology enables a thorough understanding of the practical implications of biometric adoption in a manufacturing context.

Key Findings and Discussion:**Data Privacy and Security Concerns:**

As biometric systems require sensitive personal information that could be abused if not managed securely, data privacy is still a significant concern. Employees at Dhivya Plastic voiced worries about the confidentiality of their biometric information, citing concerns about abuse and illegal access. Employee anxiety was lessened by the company's adoption of stringent data encryption procedures and open communication of its data-handling guidelines.

Issues with Compatibility and Technological Integration:

Existing IT infrastructure must be smoothly integrated with biometric technologies, however manufacturing organizations frequently encounter compatibility problems because of older systems. Compatibility problems between the biometric technology and Dhivya Plastic's outdated software hampered early adoption attempts. Dhivya Plastic was able to close these gaps and enable a more seamless integration by modernizing specific hardware components and collaborating with an IT expert that specializes in manufacturing solutions.

Employee Opposition and Change Handling:

One major obstacle to the adoption of biometric systems is employee resistance, which frequently results from ignorance or privacy concerns. Employees were sceptical about Dhivya Plastic, with some worried about heightened surveillance and possible disciplinary action. In order to address this, the business held workshops to inform staff members about the advantages of the biometric technology, highlighting how it improves workplace efficiency and

safety rather than tracking individual behaviour. More acceptance and less resistance were developed by this inclusive approach.

Identifying Privacy Concerns Unique to Manufacturing:

Employees in manufacturing may be less familiar with biometric technology and more worried about its consequences than those in corporate or service sectors, where workers are usually more used to digital surveillance technologies. Among the elements causing privacy issues in manufacturing are:

Physical Proximity and Direct Contact:

Many manufacturing jobs require workers to be in close proximity to equipment and processes, which makes ongoing observation more noticeable

Concerns about Job Security:

Employees may worry that the information gathered would be used to assess their performance or productivity, which could result in disciplinary action or termination

This section will examine how such particular privacy issues emerge and affect employee attitudes through an investigation of Dhivya Plastic Company. This can have a direct impact on the uptake and efficacy of biometric technologies.

Methods to Improve Biometric Systems' Privacy Protection:

Manufacturing businesses must utilize privacy-focused solutions that show a dedication to safeguarding employee data in order to allay privacy worries. Among the potential remedies are:

Transparency in Data Use:

Employee anxiety can be greatly decreased by outlining exactly how biometric data will be used, stored, and who will have access to it. For example, Dhivya Plastic Company used transparency reports to reassure staff that the information gathered was used only for facility access and attendance tracking.

Data minimization and anonymization:

Using data only for necessary purposes and putting anonymization procedures into practice that safeguard individual identities can help lower privacy hazards. In the instance of Dhivya Plastic, the business did not store any other personal information and instead restricted data gathering to that which was required for identification, such as fingerprint or face recognition information.

These practices, combined with regular audits and adherence to privacy regulations, help foster a culture of trust and reassurance among employees, making them more amenable to biometric systems.

Conclusion:

The manufacturing industry has a number of obstacles when using biometric technologies, ranging from employee opposition to data privacy and technology compatibility. The Dhivya Plastic Company case serves as an example of how these issues can be successfully handled by using a comprehensive approach that includes technological fixes, open data rules, and employee involvement programs. Successful biometric adoption for manufacturing organizations can be substantially aided by proactive planning and a thorough evaluation of their unique requirements. By disseminating these results, the study hopes to direct other manufacturing companies toward biometric integration that is more efficient and long-lasting.