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A Study on the Relevance of Lean Six Sigma in I.T. Industry

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Abstract – Lean Six Sigma recognizes and evacuates the imperfection bringing on components alongside decreasing the variability of the business and IT procedures to enhance the nature of yields of an IT procedure. In this line, an arrangement of value administration strategies is utilized to make inside the association for an extraordinary framework of the general population who can utilize these techniques like specialists. An IT association takes after a characterized set of ventures to measure the focused on estimation of the venture while utilizing every venture of Six Sigma. For example the association can lessen time cycle of a procedure and diminish cost of creation for expanding benefits and fulfillment level of its clients, this paper concentrates on the pertinence of incline six sigma in IT industry.

Keywords - Lean Six Sigma, Performance, Process, Organization

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1. INTRODUCTION

Sigma (σ) is a Greek letters in order and it is utilized as a part of insights to quantify the varieties in a procedure. This implies the capacity of the procedure to perform imperfection free work. It has been produced through the arrangement of practices intended to enhance fabricating forms and take out deformities. Its application was in this way stretched out to different sorts of business procedures also.

A deformity in Six Sigma is characterized as anything that prompts client disappointment. It is a superior and information driven approach, which is utilized for examining the underlying drivers of any business or process issues and fathoming them.

Within an organization, Six Sigma has the potential to improve the quality and reduce the costs of IT operations. In addition, Six Sigma can connect measurement systems to strategic objectives and help companies focus on the initiatives that will drive the most value for the customer.

Charge Smith initially figured the particulars of the system at Motorola in 1986. Six Sigma was intensely roused by six going before many years of value change systems, for example, Quality Control, Total Quality Management (TQM), and Zero Defects, in view of the work of pioneers, for example, Shewhart, Deming, Juran, Ishikawa, Taguchi and others.

A persistent exertion for accomplishing steady and unsurprising procedure comes about which are exceptionally significance to business achievement. Assembling, Servicing and business forms has a few components and procedures which can be measured, broke down, enhanced and controlled.

To accomplish reasonable quality enhancements this needs responsibility from the entire association, especially from top-level management. A clear focus for accomplishing quantifiable and quantifiable budgetary comes back from any Six Sigma extend.

More concentrate on solid and proactive administration initiative and support. A uncommon arrangements for Six Sigma specialists like "Champions," "Ace Black Belts," "Dark Belts," and so forth to lead and actualize the Six Sigma approach. A completely clear concentrate on settling on choices on the premise of obvious information rather than any presumptions and mystery, the idea of "Six Sigma" originates from a field of measurements known as process ability thinks about. Initially, it is the capacity of assembling procedures to create a high extent of yield inside determination. Forms that work with "six sigma quality" over the transient are expected to create long haul imperfection levels underneath 3.4 deformities for each million open doors (DPMO). Six Sigma's lone objective is to enhance all procedures to that level of value or better.

Six Sigma is an enrolled benefit stamp and trademark of Motorola Inc. Starting 2006 Motorola reported over

US\$17 billion in funds from Six Sigma, Other early adopters of Six Sigma who made all around promoted progress incorporate Honeywell (beforehand known as AlliedSignal) and General Electric, where Jack Welch presented the strategy. By the late 1990s, around 66% of the Fortune 500 associations had started Six Sigma activities with the point of decreasing expenses and enhancing quality (Sousa, Voss, 2002.) As of late, a few experts have joined Six Sigma thoughts with incline assembling to yield a technique named Lean Six Sigma (Lindeman, *et. al.* 2003).

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Six Sigma has made considerable progress from measurably situated devices to today's "not all that information driven" devices like Lean and quality capacity sending (QFD). The use of Six Sigma crosswise over various divisions has rolled out this improvement from measurable instruments to milder apparatuses conceivable. The systems and structure have, unexpectedly, every so often fallen behind as they adapt to various enterprises. DMAIC (characterize measure, break down, enhance, control) is connected similar path in the data innovation (IT) administrations segment as it was in assembling (Zain, *et. al.*, 2001. Dean, Bowen, 1994. Harry, 1998).

A portion of the difficulties confronting Six Sigma in the IT division are:

- Lengthy ventures
- Data situated devices
- Lack of learning in an information based industry
- Failure to legitimately utilize DMAIC in a product advancement extend
- Six-Sigma as a Project Based Approach

Generally Six Sigma has been named a venture based way to deal with upgrades. Every venture, in any case, could take between five weeks and six months. In the IT administrations area the length of the venture is regularly too long to understand the advantages. Undertakings are finished, assets are re-adjusted and colleagues are exchanged to different groups or sent to nearby assignments. These progressions influence the cohesiveness of change groups. Numerous Six Sigma undertakings are either deferred or drop because of absence of support (Hahn, *et. al.*, 1999. Bisgaard, Freiesleben, 2000. Montgomery, 2001. Breyfogle, 2003).

2.1 Lean Six Sigma Works in IT:

Notwithstanding its inception in assembling, Lean Six Sigma isn't about gadgets; the emphasis is on procedures. At the point when connected to IT operations, Lean Six Sigma means to gauge and

enhance both inward procedures, for example, arrange speed and dependability, and line-of-business procedures in which IT has a part, for example, how well a web based requesting framework is working.

"IT is a major client of procedures: testing and equipment usage and programming advancement," says Doug Debrecht, VP and CIO at Raytheon Aircraft, where the whole IT workforce has had some type of Six Sigma preparing. "Six Sigma has given us a decent toolset that we can utilize reliably and over and over to investigate how we have things set up and running."

Lean Six Sigma examinations tend in the first place the definition of an issue explanation. The Lean Six Sigma group decided the underlying driver of the issue that every application got its own server, paying little mind to its size or data transfer capacity prerequisites and after that worked out the specifics to permit applications to share servers coherently and safely. The outcome: a 40 percent combination in servers, with the chaperon time and work investment funds added back to the main issue (Pande, *et. al.*, 2000. Hahn, *et. al.*, 2001. Oakland, 1989).

3. IMPLEMENTATION ROLES / HIERARCHY IN LEAN SIX SIGMA

One key development of Lean Six Sigma includes the "professionalizing" of value administration capacities. Before Lean Six Sigma, quality administration by and by was generally identified with the generation floor and to analysts in a different quality office. Lean Six Sigma has taken hand-to-hand fighting positioning phrasing to characterize a chain of command (and profession way) that cuts over all business capacities.

Lean Six Sigma recognizes a few key parts for its fruitful execution. Official Leadership incorporates the CEO and different individuals from top administration. They are in charge of setting up a dream for Lean Six Sigma execution. They additionally engage the other part holders with the opportunity and assets to investigate new thoughts for achievement upgrades (Mason, Young, 2000).

Champions: They assume the liability for Lean Six Sigma execution over the association in an incorporated way. The Executive Leadership draws them from upper administration. Champions likewise go about as coaches to Black Belts.

Ace Black Belts: Champions distinguished these; go about as in-house mentors on Lean Six Sigma. They commit 100% of their opportunity to Lean Six Sigma. They help champions and guide Black Belts and Green Belts. Aside from factual errands, they invest their energy in guaranteeing reliable use of Lean Six

Sigma crosswise over different capacities and offices.

Dark Belts: They work under Master Black Belts to apply Lean Six Sigma philosophy to particular tasks. They dedicate 100% of their opportunity to Lean Six Sigma. They essentially concentrate on Lean Six Sigma extend execution, while Champions and Master Black Belts concentrate on recognizing ventures/capacities for Lean Six Sigma.

Green Belts: These are the workers who take up Lean Six Sigma usage alongside their other occupation obligations, work under the direction of Black Belts.

Yellow Belts: They are prepared in the essential utilization of Lean Six Sigma administration devices, work with the Black Belt all through the venture organizes and are frequently the nearest to the work.

The expression "six sigma prepare" originates from the idea that on the off chance that one has six standard deviations between the procedure mean and the closest particular point of confinement, as appeared in the chart, basically no things will neglect to meet determinations. This depends on the figuring technique utilized in process capacity ponders.

Capacity concentrates on measure the quantity of standard deviations between the procedure mean and the closest particular farthest point in sigma units. As process standard deviation goes up, or the mean of the procedure moves far from the focal point of the resilience, less standard deviations will fit between the mean and the closest particular utmost, diminishing the sigma number and improving the probability of things outside determination.

The utilization of "Dark Belts" as nomad change operators has (dubiously) encouraged a cabin industry of preparing and confirmation. Faultfinders contend there is overselling of Lean Six Sigma by excessively incredible various counseling firms, a number of which claim ability in Six Sigma when they just have a simple comprehension of the apparatuses and methods included.

A few analysts see the development of the different "Belts" to incorporate "Green Belts," "Ace Black Belts" and "Gold Belts" as a parallel to the different "belt manufacturing plants" that exist in military arts.[citation needed]

4. INTEGRATING LEAN AND SIX SIGMA

Both the Lean and the Six Sigma procedures have demonstrated in the course of the most recent a quarter century it is conceivable to accomplish sensational changes in cost, quality, and time by concentrating on process execution. While Six Sigma is centered on lessening variety and enhancing

process yield by taking after a critical thinking approach utilizing factual apparatuses, Lean is principally worried with killing waste and enhancing stream by taking after the Lean standards and a characterized way to deal with execute each of these standards.

The noteworthy results from IT organizations, for example, Infosys, TCS, Motorola, and numerous others have finished utilizing both of them have enlivened numerous different firms to take after their illustration. Subsequently, most organizations have either a Lean or Six Sigma program set up. Nonetheless, utilizing both of only them has impediments: Six Sigma will wipe out deformities yet it won't address the topic of how to enhance prepare stream; and the Lean standards prohibit the progressed factual devices regularly required to accomplish the procedure abilities should have been really 'incline'. In this manner, most specialists consider these two strategies as supplementing each other. Keeping in mind every approach can bring about emotional change, using both strategies all the while holds the guarantee of having the capacity to address a wide range of process issues with the most fitting toolbox. For instance, stock lessening not just requires diminishing cluster sizes and connecting operations by utilizing Lean, additionally minimizing process variety by using Six Sigma devices.

Building up a coordinated change program that consolidates both Lean and Six Sigma instruments requires more than including a couple Lean standards in a Six Sigma educational programs or preparing Lean Experts as Black Belts. A coordinated change methodology needs to think about the distinctions and utilize them viably:

- Lean ventures are extremely unmistakable, noticeable, and can in many cases be finished inside a couple days (while Six Sigma extends regularly require a couple of months). An incorporated approach ought to underscore Lean tasks amid the underlying period of the organization to build force.
- Lean accentuates wide standards combined with commonsense suggestions to accomplish enhancements. For instance, Lean recommends a method to break down and decrease changeover time that does not require advanced examination and devices. Nonetheless, Lean standards are customarily deficient to explain a portion of the more confused issues that require propelled examination. Accordingly, Six Sigma should be presented amid the primary year of the sending to guarantee that the change guide incorporates a non-specific critical thinking approach.

- A coordinated change program should be energized by a dream without bounds state and by a pipeline of particular undertakings that will close the crevice amongst present and future state. Incline presented esteem stream mapping as the focal apparatus to distinguish the crevices and to build up a rundown of undertakings that can be handled utilizing Lean or Six Sigma philosophy.
- Whereas the Six Sigma process and devices can be connected to for all intents and purposes each procedure and industry, the Lean approach is substantially more particular and the substance should be changed in accordance with industry needs: For instance, lessening set-up time in a plant that has lines devoted to a solitary item is pointless. Consequently, the Lean educational modules should be acclimated to address the issues of the particular business.
- Training is powerful however just when consolidated with application. Incline standards are commonly instructed as particular workshops, with every workshop joining a short instructional course on the rule with direct application on the shop floor, Six Sigma preparing is separated into the periods of the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control) handle with time between every instructional course to apply the devices figured out how to the venture.

- Teaching Lean standards first to expand force, presenting the Six Sigma handle later on to handle the more propelled issues.
- Adjusting the substance of the preparation to the requirements of the particular association – while some assembling areas could profit by executing the Lean standards regarding housekeeping, others will have these rudiments as of now set up and will be prepared for cutting edge devices.

5. PRINCIPLES OF LEAN SIX SIGMA

Organization officials regularly bring in Lean Six Sigma experts when they are experiencing difficulty with the nature of the yield their organization has. The occupation of these experts is to reduction waste and increment quality through the different apparatuses and learning available to them.

At the point when an organization needs a Lean Six Sigma Professional, they might have an issue with low occupation fulfillment among representatives, making a low assurance and poor work generation thus. They may need to streamline their organization procedures, diminishing and disposing of quite a bit of what they were doing incorrectly. The Six Sigma experts would then utilize these techniques to help them take out waste and streamline their procedures while enhancing their yield quality.

The preparation required in taking in the incline techniques gives a decent review of the apparatuses that are utilized and how to apply them to Six Sigma ventures. Some of these instruments incorporate process maps, liking graphs and esteem stream mapping. This procedure can be connected to any business or association, regardless of the size or the sort of industry. Whether the business being referred to is in the assembling business or it is an administration supplier, the procedures can be utilized to streamline the methods utilized inside the organization.

Incline Six Sigma standards:

- The first of these is the law of the market. This implies the client is dependably to be put first. The organization must execute this quickly and ensure that all representatives hold fast to it. The organization needs the workers to comprehend that without the clients, there would be no business.
- The second of these standards is the law of adaptability. On the off chance that a procedure is effortlessly flexibility, it is simpler to work with. A strategy for business that can't be changed for any reason can bring about issues.

The broad examination required for Six Sigma ventures proposes that a workshop structure as utilized for Lean preparing would not be viable.

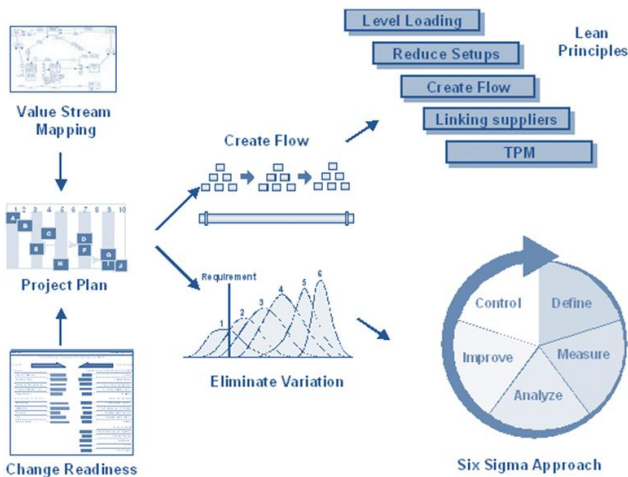


Fig 1: Integrating Lean and Six Sigma [20]

The incorporated way to deal with process change (utilizing Lean and Six Sigma) incorporates:

- Using esteem stream mapping to build up a pipeline of activities that loan themselves either to applying Six Sigma or Lean apparatuses.

- The third rule is the law of core interest. This is intended to keep the emphasis on the issues inside the organization and not the whole organization itself. Officials and representatives ought to focus on simply the bits of the organization that are bringing on issues and altering those issues, expelling diversions by different zones of the business that are not having issues.
- The fourth standard is the law of speed. This implies if a procedure has numerous, numerous points of interest that must be performed; it might back off the procedure. The work put into the procedure ought to be relative to the outcomes the organization sees.
- The fifth standard in incline Six Sigma is the law of unpredictability. Basically, keep it basic. At the point when a procedure is minded bogging and troublesome, it might have components that are a bit much. More multifaceted nature does not really mean more significant or more vital. Indeed, it could mean the exact inverse.

6. LEAN SIX SIGMA IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES SECTOR

Lean Six Sigma has progressed significantly from factually arranged apparatuses to today's "not all that information driven" instruments like Lean and quality capacity organization (QFD). The use of Lean Six Sigma crosswise over various parts has rolled out this improvement from measurable instruments to milder apparatuses conceivable. The approaches and system have, humorously, every so often lingered behind as they adapt to various ventures. It (characterize, measure, examine, enhance, control) is connected the same path in the data innovation (IT) administrations area as it was in assembling. Portions of the difficulties confronting Lean Six Sigma in the IT part are:

- Extensive ventures
- Information situated devices
- Absence of learning in an information based industry
- Inability to legitimately utilize DMAIC in a product improvement extend

➤ Lean Six-Sigma as a Project Based Approach

Generally Lean Six Sigma has been named a venture-based way to deal with enhancements. Every venture, be that as it may, could take between five weeks and

six months. In the IT administrations segment the length of the venture is frequently too long to understand the advantages. Tasks are finished, assets are re-adjusted and colleagues are exchanged to different groups or sent to nearby assignments. These progressions influence the cohesiveness of change groups. Numerous Lean Six Sigma ventures are either deferred or crossed out because of absence of investment.

➤ Minimize the Project Duration

A reconsidered way to deal with Lean Six Sigma ought to incorporate a DMAIC life cycle of not over three weeks, and the finish Lean Six Sigma venture ought not to take longer than three to five weeks. Lean Six Sigma remains a venture based approach, yet shortening the length of the undertakings will wipe out successive changes at the association level, and groups will see extends through to consummation. Lean Six Sigma approach and apparatuses must be instilled into the procedure structure so it turns out to be a piece of "the same old thing." This diminishes the process duration for executing ventures.

A fruitful Lean Six Sigma program engages representatives with critical thinking devices. The advantages of Lean Six Sigma are acknowledged when representatives or groups utilize Lean Six Sigma instruments, techniques and rationalities as a component of their everyday exercises. Despite the fact that not extend based these enhancements drive the genuine main concern.

➤ Lean Six-Sigma as a Data Driven Approach

The IT administrations part all in all is as yet developing with regards to measurements. Organizations are putting tremendous measures of exertion in touching base at "great pointers" of venture/authoritative wellbeing. It is hard to have a database made for a group, which brings about a more drawn out measure stage. Without information, individual sentiments assume control and unfavorably affect the viability of the structure. As ventures extend and lose their center, groups lose confidence in Six Sigma (Coleman, *et. al.*, 2001).

The quality of Lean Six Sigma lies in the information driven approach, subsequently it must be upheld by an all-around actualized measurements program all through the association. With the incorporation of Lean in the Six Sigma structure, specialists can utilize less information-arranged devices.

➤ Six-Sigma Professes $Y = f(X)$

Programming designing exercises are generally manual and are enormously reliant on the ability of

the engineer. The IT division is information base driven – associations are putting colossal measures of cash in discovering aptitudes outside the association or creating them inside. Lean Six Sigma offers little regarding enhancing the efficiency of designing groups – a group's profitability increments as it climbs the expectation to absorb information (McCarthy, Stauffer, 2001).

➤ Enhance Skills and Knowledge with Minimal Cost

The product building process lays vigorously on manual procedures, comes about have some natural irregularities in light of the shifting capacities of individual engineers. The new approach needs to concentrate on mechanization and enhancing the expectation to learn and adapt. With most of the association's costs going toward labor, expanding representative information is center to administration. Organizations are concentrating on bolster capacities, for example, authoritative preparing and social mindfulness classes. Lean Six Sigma ventures make solid procedures that upgrade learning and lessen costs without trading off the viability of the capacity. An engaged utilization of Lean Six Sigma ideas in building up the information administration procedures would yield positive results inside the administrations area.

CONCLUSION

Rivalry in friendliness industry is expanding step by step as in all business ventures, bringing about a consistent look for new routes in which to pariah and out-separation contenders. Changing styles and enactments makes it important to consistently update the nature of the unmistakable accommodation item. The term Six Sigma is one that comes from the manufacturing sector, in particular statistical modeling of processes involved in IT industry as well. A sigma rating is used to indicate the yield of an IT process. This rating is based on the percentage of products manufactured that have no defects. In a six sigma process, the manufacturing process creates products where 99.99966 percent are defect free.

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