Agile Project Management- In simple terms; Agile Project Management achieves the scope to embrace change and deliver the most ambitious results. It has been observed that companies with Agile principles can adapt quickly to the complexity and uncertainty of today's business conditions thus having a greater chance in the market compared to companies that would more often crumble under the pressure.

What exactly is Agile Project Management?

Agile Project Management is an interactive process that drives focus on consumer satisfaction first, team harmony over the tasks, and adapting to the current business requirements rather than just sticking to a textbook plan. Agile Project Management is based on the same principles as that of the Agile Manifesto (Agile Software Development). These principles are the guiding light for how to deliver high value service that is technically sound and delivered in a timely manner within the constraints of budget or time. The people when having a management approach and mindset can reach over a consensus quickly thus making the necessary business decisions in this fast pace environment.

The principles of Agile Manifesto:
Individuals and interactions over processes and tools - Agile framework chooses individuals which is team members and the harmony at work over following just textbook procedures

Working software over comprehensive documentation - Rather than drowning in excessive reporting and always competing a backlog, Agile focuses on getting the work done. Shorter procedures but more action and lesser theory of work are what the philosophy of Agile follows.

Customer collaboration over contract negotiation - Agile believes in process that are completely customer centric and focuses on the needs of the customer that needed to be catered to instead of formulating the terms and conditions of the company and negotiating over that with your clients. Hence Agile framework recognizes the importance of collaboration with the customer and getting them involved to ensure a flawless delivery of service.

Responding to change over following a plan - With today's market scenario, Agile recognizes the need to be swift when it comes to making business decisions or risk management processes that need immediate action. If an organization is stuck into the dilemma of following the rule book and the drawn out plan, the reaction to changes are not always carried out in time which can have severe and long term damage to the company. The Agile approach believes in practices and processes that facilitate responses to change in a more timely and efficient manner.

As mentioned above, Agile doesn't believe in the conventional ways of process and operations. It is a new approach that throws light on aspects that actually affect team morale and business outcomes. Given below are the key areas with which Agile helps in enhancing an organizations performance.

Discover the problem your business is trying to fix- Agile Project Management uses work sessions and IT divisions and that of business to get a better understanding and shared view of the problems, the prospect solutions and the plan. Urgency is of prime importance and Agile uses outputs such as low-fidelity prototypes and story maps that help in moving to a solution quickly.

Evolve quickly, respond and adapt- More often than not, the first time is never when you get it right completely. Agile helps find the source of the problem swiftly by making frequent testing a standard procedure. Also, Agile practices facilitate keeping stakeholders in the loop for any such problem which gives the company necessary tools to tackle the issues continuously.

It's a new way of thinking- Just as elaborated above with the Agile Manifesto; Agile gives way to a new school of thought and embraces the leadership mindset within team members. It is about understanding self organizing teams, taking ownership and the interaction between all the roles contributing to the development process. It further elaborates on encouragement of collaboration and discovering innovative solutions which unleash the power of true Agile thinking.

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