

HIRING IN THE NEW NORMAL: A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION STORY

When an accelerated shift to digital began in the wake of COVID-19, traditional models were upended across all functions, including in recruitment. At WNS, a digital-first mindset ensured we were ready to take the leap into virtual hiring. It enabled us to swiftly rise to the challenge of augmenting our clients' workforce — both new and existing — during their time of need. In the midst of lock-downs and restrictions, our teams focused on fulfilling the unique talent requirements of diverse clients, digitally.

A centralized sourcing team scoured thousands of profiles online to find the best in the business. Enhanced referral campaigns, aggressive promotion on social media and targeted sourcing of profiles from competitors who were ramping down helped identify candidates with the right skills and attitude. Intelligent talent segmentation across skills, experience, availability and compensation allowed us to speed up the process.

We powered through network and connectivity issues, and enabled proctored assessments in a virtual environment. In the absence of interviews in offices, timely scheduling of online interviews, and aligning Work-from-Home (WFH) situations of both interviewer and interviewee were significant challenges. Yet, with resilient nimbleness, we meticulously scheduled live video interviews using digital tools. We created specialized interview panels, and mindful of WFH constraints, brought efficiency and speed to virtually connect candidates with panelists.

Social distancing was the norm. But the potent combination of our resilience and resourcefulness combined with an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered recruitment and onboarding platform ensured a more 'connected' experience for candidates. A 'candidate experience' team and an 'offer management' team engaged with candidates to drive personalization in the virtual hiring process. Continuous, multi-channel communication enabled smooth pre-boarding and onboarding activities, including accurate documentation, in a completely digital environment.

Key outcomes from this digital transformation journey in our talent acquisition process include:



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