## Hiring outlook remains positive, 45% companies to recruit in FY26

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THE HIRING OUTLOOK for this financial year remained positive as 45% of employers interviewed said they plan to hire for new permanent positions, a report said on Saturday.

A significant 45% of employers plan to hire for new permanent positions, while 13% plan to replace manpower in their existing positions, workforce solutions and HR services provider Genius Consultants said in a report - Hiring, Compensation & Attrition Management Outlook Survey for 2025-26.

The report is based on in-

**FLEXIBLE HIRING** 

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■ Entry-level hiring accounts for 19%, and for senior roles it stands at 18%

sights from 1,520 CXOs and senior-level dignitaries of organisations across various industries for the upcoming financial year.

The report further revealed

shifting towards

gig workers,

advisory roles

that the growth of the importance of temporary hiring is widely visible, as 26% of the employers focus on temporary, contractual, or projectbased roles.

However, 16% of organisations indicated no hiring plans for FY26, highlighting a cautious approach.

When asked about the primary focus of hiring, the report found that 37% of employers said they aim to recruit mid-level professionals, while 26% said they are shifting towards gig workers, contract-based roles, and advisory positions.

This confirms the trend shift in industries towards flexible staffing.