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A STUDY ON CAUSES OF JOB STRESS IN THE IT SECTOR OF BANGALORE

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ABSTRACT

Job stress can be easily caused to an employee in the modern world, especially in the IT hub of Bangalore where people are surrounded by all the factors causing stress When the cause of the stress can be identified, is of short duration, and can be responded to by a specific set of positive actions that eliminate the cause, this is a healthy stress reaction. However, when the source of the stress is not identifiable, becomes excessive, repeated, prolonged, or continuous, it becomes "distress" and creates unhealthy physiological and psychological reactions. Continuous staring of computers, Plenty of deadlines, less control over decision making related to one's job, lack of symmetry between organisation's and individual objective are a few factors contributing to the job stress. This paper deals with the Job stress In the IT Sector of Bangalore. To study the factors causing the job stress primary data was collected from the IT sector after dividing the IT sector into Small to medium, large size and multinational companies. Statistical tool Chi square and ANOVA were applied to interpret the result. Appropriate suggestions are given on the basis of result.

KEYWORDS

causes, Job Stress, overcome.

INTRODUCTION

ork is the core belief of every human. Through work the humans fulfill their basic need to create, accomplish, and feel satisfied. Stress can be caused when the humans are not able to utilize their creativity, intelligence and decision making ability. With the immense increase in the adaptation of technology in all the sectors, the offices has become more like factories with a row of workers more disconnected from the final product. Workers don't find the job very challenging, and the overall job satisfaction comes down. Due to this a sense of boredom seeps in, also the feeling that every minute of one's working day is being recorded has intensified the pressure of the job. All this put together causes Occupational or job stress. Cause of Job stress includes job insecurity, technology, and high demand for performance, workplace culture, personal or family problems. Job stress leaves a worker completely drained out with symptoms insomnia, loss of mental concentration, anxiety, absenteeism, depression, substance abuse, extreme anger and frustration, Family conflict, physical illnesses such as heart disease, migraine, headaches, stomach problems, and back problems.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Lot of research has been conducted into stress over the last hundred years. IT Industry is the fastest-growing industry in our country, but it is most vulnerable to lifestyle diseases, its future growth could be stunted if stress and other health related problems are not addressed now. Long working hours, night shifts and a sedentary lifestyle make people employed at information technology companies prone to heart disease and diabetes. There have also been growing reports of mental depression and family discord in the industry. In Bangalore, the psychiatrists say their Saturdays are reserved for marriage counseling for the IT sector. The ICRIER (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations study), which surveyed 81 companies, said they lose approximately 14% of their annual working days due to employee sickness. Less than a third of them provide their staff with preventive health care measures. Reducing just one health risk increases an employee's on-the-job productivity by 9% and cuts absenteeism by 2%, the study said.

IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

This proposed research is in the field of commerce and management. This research is based on the fact that long working hours, high work pressures, deadlines, are causing stress in the booming IT sector, and so an attempt will be made in this research to find out the level of stress and its causes in the IT sector. Stress is a prevalent and costly problem in today's workplace. Many IT workers report high levels of stress, and high levels of stress are associated with substantial increases in health service utilization. Additionally, periods of disability due to job stress tend to be much longer than disability periods for other occupational injuries and illnesses. An attempt will be made in this study to find out the level of stress present in the it industry, for this purpose three It firms are selected .the way stress is affecting the employees will be found out and , later it will be studied that what are the steps adopted by the management to cope up with the stress.

OBJECTIVES OF PROBLEM

From the problems stated above we derive the objectives as

- To get an insight of the causes of the stress in the IT sector
- To compare the stress in various types of firms of the IT sector.

METHODOLOGY

This study is based in Bangalore. The IT sector is under study. The data is collected from the people working on a middle level ie the team leads. For this purpose Bangalore IT sector was divided into Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies, this division was done on the basis of number of employees. Equal number of the employees was considered in all the three types of companies, i.e. 30 employees were taken from every IT firm. So the total sample size is of 90 respondents. The Questionnaires were distributed to collect the primary data regarding the job stress. The data which was collected was tabulated and represented in the graphs. Statistical Tools i.e. Chi square testing and ANOVA are used for data interpretation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Hypothesis	Table value	Calcula-ted Value	Accepte/Reject
H0: Feeling of job stress and gender are not dependent. H1: Feeling of job stress and gender are dependent.	3.84 Alpha = 0.05(5% LEVEL O SIGNIFICANCE) and degree of freedom d.o.f2. = 1	0.1171	accept the null hypothesis (Ho) and reject the alternate hypothesis (H1)
HO: Feeling Of Job Stress And Age Group are not dependent. H1: Feeling Of Job Stress And Age Group are dependent.	7.82 Alpha = 0.05(5% LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE) and degree of freedom d.o.f. = 3.	1.469	accept the null hypothesis (Ho) and reject the alternate hypothesis (H1).
HO: Feeling Of Job Stress And income are not dependent. H1: Feeling Of Job Stress And income are dependent.	7.82 Alpha = 0.05(5% LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE) and degree of freedom d.o.f. = 3.	3.66	accept the null hypothesis (Ho) and reject the alternate hypothesis (H1) .
H0: Feeling Of Job Stress And Number Of Working Hours are not dependent. H1: Feeling Of Job Stress And Number Of Working Hours are dependent	5.99 Alpha = 0.05(IE 5% LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE) and degree of freedom d.o.f. = 2.	0.28	accept the null hypothesis (Ho) and reject the alternate hypothesis .

ANOVA RESULTS

HYPOTHESIS	CALCULATED VALUE OF F	TABLE VALUE AT 0.5 LEVEL	SIGNIFICANT OR NOT
HO – Clarity of work objectives is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi- National companies			
H1 –Clarity of work objectives is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and			
Multi-National companies	0.01	1.65	NO
HO –Control and freedom at work is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and			
Multi-National companies			
H1 –Control and freedom at work is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and			
Multi-National companies	0.1189	1.65	NO
HO – Level of Job Satisfaction is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-			
National companies			NO
H1 – Level of Job Satisfaction is not same Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-			
National companies	0.253	1.65	
HO – Physical Demand From The Work is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and			YES
Multi-National companies	13.84	1.65	
H1– Physical Demand From The Work is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies			
and Multi-National companies			
HO – Performance Of Employees is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-			YES
National companies			
H1- Performance Of Employees is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and			
Multi-National companies	6.48	1.65	

FINDINGS

The above mentioned chi square results show that job stress is not caused due to the gender of a person. This means that the chances of job stress in today's world are equal for a male as well as a female. Job stress is not caused due to the age of a person .Thus it is concluded that whether a person belongs to younger, middle or elderly age group the chances of the person to get job stress is same. The next analysis is related to the job stress and income. It is concluded that chances of getting the job stress does not depend on the income. Whether a person belongs to higher or lower income group his or her chances of getting job stress is same. The next analysis is related to the job stress and number of working hours. It is concluded that chances of getting the job stress does not depend on the number of working hours. Whether a person works long or no his or her chances of getting job stress is same. Actulay the factors such as gender of a person, income of a person and the number of hours a person works can cause stress but that is the other type of stress here this research only deals with the job stress which is caused mainly due to the job environment and job conditions.

From the ANOVA it is very clear that Clarity of work objectives is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies. When the mean of this variable was studied it was found that the mean for clarity of work objective for the three company types i.e. Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies was, 77, 75, 72, respectively. Thus it is concluded that work objectives are well defined in all the three company types and the employees are very clear about what is to be done. Thus the job stress which could have arisen due to the non clarity of work objectives is not arising in this area.

From the next ANOVA it is clear that Control and freedom at work is same in the Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies. When the mean of this variable was studied it was found that the mean for Control and freedom at work for the three companies i.e. Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies was 187, 182, 195, respectively. Thus it is concluded that Control and freedom at work is good in all the three companies and the employees feel free about the decisions regarding their work. Thus the job stress which could have arisen due to the lack of control or rigidity in freedom is not arising in this area.

From the next ANOVA it is clear that Level of Job Satisfaction is same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies. When the mean of this variable was studied it was found that the mean for Control and freedom at work for the three companies i.e. Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies was, 183, 185, 172, respectively. Thus it is concluded that the level of job satisfaction is towards a higher side in all the three companies. And so the job stress which could have arisen due to the lack of job satisfaction is not arising in this area.

From the next ANOVA it is clear that Physical Demand from the Work is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies. When the mean of this variable was studied it was found that the mean for Control and freedom at work for the three companies i.e. Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies was, 177, 179, 182, respectively. In this mean the mean of Multi-National companies is 182 which is higher than the mean of the other two company types. Therefore it is concluded that the Physical Demand From The Work is more in Multi-National

companies. It is further interpreted that since the Physical Demand From The Work is more in Multi-National companies therefore the job stress will also be more in Multi-National companies.

From the last ANOVA it is clear that Performance of Employees is not same in Small to medium companies, large Companies and Multi-National companies. When the mean of this variable was studied it was found that the mean for Performance of Employees for the three companies i.e. Small to medium companies. large Companies and Multi-National companies was, 75, 74,163, respectively. In this mean the mean of Multi-National companies is 163 which is higher than the mean of the other two company types. Therefore it is interpreted that the Performance of Employees is least Multi-National companies. It is further concluded that since the Physical Demand from the Work is more in Multi-National companies, the health of the employees is also a matter of concern and this is affecting their performance.

SUGGESSTIONS

JOB ANALYSIS-It involves understanding and aligning the priorities in the job; it includes concentrating on few important activities and paying less attention to unimportant tasks. This helps one to get the greatest return from the work, while keeping the workload under control.

UNDERSTAND THE ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGY-Every job will exist for a reason, and this will be determined by the strategy of the organizational unit one works for. Focus as to how the organisaton can achieve its mission through the tasks done. Employee's individual objectives should contribute towards the mission. These should be major objectives of one's job. If they are not, make a note of this.

UNDERSTAND THE ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE-every organization has its own culture - its own, historically developed values, rights and wrongs, and things that it considers to be important. If one is new to an organization, talk through with established, respected members of staff to understand these values. Check which objectives fit with these values. How far they reinforce the company's culture? Align ones priorities with the company's priorities.

CONCLUSION

Stress is a part of everyday life. With a fast life packed with loads of work; one is bound to be stressed out. Stress is the body's way of responding to any kind of demand. Both good and bad experiences cause job stress. Analyzing working conditions as a primary source of stress is an important first step in overcoming it. Recognising the cause of job stress and working on eradication of that cause is the key for success.

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