

A Study on Stress Management with Special Reference to IT Sector in India

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Abstract: *The fundamental focal point of this investigation is to recognize the dimension of recurrence of the activity stressors for corporate people overviewed and follow out the upsetting component that influences generally people. The paper additionally tosses light onto the zones investigated where changes can be made by the representatives, directors, and the Human Assets (HR) office in order to decrease the pressure factors by rolling out an improvement. The emphasis was predominantly on the corporate part of India to survey how much markers of employment worry at working environment impacts Indian local's psychological and emotional wellbeing. The information was gathered by looking over workers of different Corporate through a organized poll.*

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I. Introduction

Stress is frequently begat as a therapeutic term or a mental wonder due to its potential outcomes in decaying the wellbeing state of an individual and the boost that triggers the battle or flight reaction separately. Present day time is simply the time of nervousness and stress which itself will be influenced by number of stressors as finished up by Coleman (1976). Word related worry in the working environment can make individuals fear strolling in to the workplace each morning and after that make them stress over their positions around evening time. It has turned out to be more globalized and tends to influence all laborers independent of the activity profile or class, the main contrast being the force levels. Beehr and Newman (1978) characterized Stress as a circumstance which powers an individual to stray from its standard working because of progress in mental or physiological condition. At the point when staff is troubled, they are less productive, not so much viable but rather more prone to misuse work hours or eventually quit. Stress influences resolve as well as an organization's primary concern. The primary zone of this examination is word related pressure caused to an individual as a result of the corporate

culture in the present time. As entrancing and appealing it might appear, this bundle accompanies certain cons for a large portion of the general population. Juggling between their work and life to strike that balance, taking care of with the levels of popularity of the market, surrendering to the challenge at working environment to demonstrate their value by any stretch of the imagination. With this and a lot more battles which the corporate culture gives consequently to what it offers, makes it difficult to accomplish the objective for a couple.

Stress isn't constantly unpleasant, as a few people are inferred to work much better with certain measure of worry as it gives them inspiration, inventiveness and mellow sentiment of rapture however the worry lies where a lot of pressure or rehashed pressure can have antagonistic physical, mental and passionate outcomes on an individual's brain and body. Endeavoring to accomplish a check or an objective set is regularly in the brain of numerous yet by putting wellbeing in question would mean determining yourself in reverse to achieve that objective as intemperate pressure can meddle with the profitability and effect the physical and passionate wellbeing. Capacity of a person to manage it can mean the distinction among progress

and disappointment for themselves. An individual can't control everything in their workplace, yet that doesn't mean being frail—notwithstanding when stuck in a troublesome circumstance. Discovering approaches to oversee working environment push isn't tied in with rolling out colossal improvements or reevaluating profession aspirations constantly. The primary concern is, center around the one thing that is dependably inside an individual's control: Themselves.

Pressure and stress:

Pressure at the work environment is something unavoidable because of the requests of the present-day situation in the corporate field. As an individual it ought to be realized that there is a thin line among weight and stress. Weight is dependably there as it's fundamental that individuals encounter difficulties inside their lives that causes in driving themselves to feel propelled. Certain dimension of an expansion in weight is worthy and can enhance execution and the personal satisfaction. In any case, when that weight ends up unmanageable, there comes the need to recognize the dimension that has changed into pressure and is tenaciously influencing a person's mentality and conduct at the working environment. The weight of working life can prompt pressure, in the event that it is over the top and long haul.

Work related stress:

It emerges when individuals are given work requests and weights that don't coordinate their insight and capacity and in this manner move them to adapt to it. Stress may sound to be a typical factor identified with working environment and employment however the weight prompts pressure when there is practically zero help and support from chiefs and partners. Business related pressure is regularly brought about by the manner in which the occupations have been structured and the working arrangement of an association, poor administration, absence of help inside the association.

II. Coping with Job Stress in today's Competitive Environment

For representatives in the corporate part, the voyage in the activity feels like a crazy ride to a degree that they lose the discretion and simply work with the stream regularly dismissing the effect that it will have on them. Feelings are infectious and push

specifically influences the passionate condition of an individual other than the physical angles. Stress is anything but a negative wonder;

2.1 Decreasing employment worry by dealing with yourself:

Worry at work meddles with the capacity to play out the activity because of different impacts of it like diversion, migraines, feeling of discouragement, social withdrawal, loss of enthusiasm for the work and so on regardless of whether the individual is enthusiastic about the work or feels focused on it, the primary thing that should strike a chord is dealing with yourself. At the point when the necessities of the body are dealt with, the individual is increasingly dynamic and flexible to stretch. The better one feels, the better they are prepared to battle work pressure.

2.1.1 Encourage physical activity:

A plenitude of research exists that grandstands exercise and its capacity to diminish pressure. Exercise is basic for keeping up mental wellness, and it can lessen pressure essentially. Studies have indicated exercise lessens weakness, enhances sharpness and fixation, and improves people's general comprehension. Making a domain that makes it simple for representatives to practice normally can decrease pressure. Think about urging representatives to get outside and stroll amid meal breaks, or have a go at offering limited rec center enrollments or different motivators to advance wellbeing.

2.1.2 Get support:

The best and fundamental approach to get past occasions of pressure is to connect with family and companions. It probably won't be an exit plan for each individual yet simply sharing the emotions can the majority of the occasions cut down part of pressure that is caused rationally to a person. For a few, tolerating support is an indication of shortcoming yet now and again most family and companions feel needed that they are being believed enough to be trusted in and it will just fortify the bond.

2.2.2 Accept How you feel instead of judging yourself:

A standout amongst the most negative impacts of pressure is that individuals will in general get down on themselves about how they feel. You as of now have a bunch of uneasiness inciting things at the forefront of your thoughts. What you require least is the expansion of a judgmental voice contending you shouldn't be focused. Rather, acknowledge how you feel. Try not to loathe yourself for it; this is your world. When you do that, you're removing any negative vitality spent judging. It will enable you to rather see how you feel. You will most likely equitably observe what's worrying you and why. After some time, you can build up this propensity and start to see designs that lead to pressure. That will be incredibly useful in conquering those sentiments and figuring out how to avert them in any case.

2.2.3 Write down everything you need to get out:

Take the under five minutes required to complete a mind dump. Get everything disturbing you out on paper. Record what's worrying you, all that you need to do and alternate considerations or thoughts involving your brain. This will kill the inclination to keep everything inside your head. Doing as such will promptly reduce your feelings of anxiety; there will be less to clutch, and your mind will be allowed to involve different undertakings and thoughts.

2.2.4 Take a break:

Notwithstanding the heap of things you may need to achieve, you should initially enjoy a reprieve when you're feeling excessively focused. It can even be for only a couple of minutes. Over helping you feel much improved, it will finish up making you increasingly profitable. After a powerful break, you will probably better spotlight on the jobs that needs to be done and home in on what you have to accomplish. This break appears to be unique for everybody. You could tune in to music, do breathing activities, read a book, play with your children or pet or go for a stroll around your square. On the off chance that you don't have a clue about what's best at chilling you off, attempt diverse exercises. See when you feel most loose so you can do those things all the more frequently. Having

these loosening up exercises, regardless of whether it's only for a couple of minutes, can be an incredible method to dispose of pressure and get back on errand.

III. Causes of stress at workplace:

Causes of stress can be divided into two categories based upon the source of the cause. Two major classifications are-

Internal causes- These causes include a person's outlook, mindset and so on. These causes are begun from inside the individual and lead to pressure. These inward causes depend on view of a person. Regardless of whether no danger exists in the encompassing an individual may feel an individual or a circumstance compromising and may get pushed.

External causes- These causes incorporate numerous outside components inside an association which influence a person's execution in association which are-

Job security- At the point when a worker works in an association, dread of losing his/her employment prompts constant pressure which causes decreased work quality.

Working Hours- Extremely odd working hours may prompt numerous physiological issues in representatives which prompt worry amid works.

Control at work- This refers to degree of control a representative has over his/her work. On the off chance that worker has no or almost no power over the work, he/she loses enthusiasm for the work and feels worried to meet desires for bosses.

Managerial style- The controlling style of chiefs impacts worry of the workers. Chiefs with totalitarian style of control give next to no opportunity to the representatives in basic leadership and arranging. In this way, representatives working under such directors are worried because of extremely less command over their work and high confinements.

At times circumstances asking for conduct changes may put a worker under worry because of need of carrying on in a way which isn't normal for the representative.

3.1 Top causes of work-related stress:

At the point when tested on wellsprings of stress, Indian representatives rank misty or clashing occupation desires (40%), insufficient staffing (absence of help, uneven outstanding burden or execution in gathering) (38%) and absence of work/life balance (38%) as the main three reasons as per Towers Watson's Global Benefit Attitudes Survey that surveyed 22,347 worldwide labourers out of which 7,094 specialists are in Asia Pacific (2006 labourers are situated in India). In Asia Pacific, the best donors were deficient staffing, low pay (or low increment in pay) and absence of work/life balance. Universally, lacking staffing is normal as the absolute most vital supporter of business related pressure.

3.2 How to measure stress:

Induces stress, the HPA axis of the person is activated which contains Hypothalamus, Pituitary, Adrenal glands of endocrine system. On stimulation, these glands produce their

There are numerous strategies to quantify pressure. Estimating pressure is evaluating the reaction by the body reacts to an upsetting circumstance. These pointers for stress include estimation of a variety of properties of body which are changed amid pressure.

1. **Psychological measurements-** These measurements measure stress based upon psychological observations. Each person has a different psychology and way of reacting towards any stressor. Hence to gather those responses in stress many questionnaires were prepared which contain questions which measure response to stress.
2. **Physiological measurements-** When someone comes across any situation which

hormones i.e. Cortisol and catecholamine. Elevated levels of those hormones are found in blood, urine and plasma of the person undergoing through stress.

Top causes of work-related stress for employees: [Table 1]

	India	Asia Pacific	United states	EMEA
Unclear or conflicting job expectations	40%	29%	36%	33%
Inadequate staffing (lack of support, uneven workload or performance in group)	38%	41%	52%	49%
Lack of work/life balance (excessive workloads and/or long hours)	38%	32%	24%	28%
Organizational culture, including lack of teamwork, tendency to avoid accountability and assign blame to others	32%	31%	33%	31%
Low pay (or low increases in pay)	29%	37%	38%	28%
Technologies that expand availability during nonworking hours (e.g., mobiles, notebooks)	27%	16%	8%	9%
Lack of supervisor support, feedback and not living up to their word	26%	23%	23%	22%
Lack of technology, equipment and tools to do the job	18%	18%	13%	15%
Fears about job loss, too much change	16%	16%	20%	22%
Fears about benefit reduction/loss (e.g., lower value or loss of health care coverage, reduction in retirement benefits)	12%	16%	11%	7%

IV. Role Of Managers And Employers In Helping Employees Deal With Job Stress:

Administrators and bosses assume a fundamental job in forming the eventual fate of representatives as they are the help columns who can represent the deciding moment any circumstance for them. It ought to be to their greatest advantage to downplay feelings of anxiety in the working environment level. They are now and again the good example for a worker's conduct in specific circumstances, as they may act like their chief in that given state. There are some authoritative changes that supervisors and businesses can attempt to decrease worry at working environment identified with the activity close by as that is the purpose of start for pressure.

4.1 Improve communication with employee:

Correspondence is the way to helping your staff individuals like themselves and their occupations. I have discovered that an enhancement in assurance and a decrease in the anxiety among my staff normally pursue when correspondence is utilized adequately.

4.2 Supporting employees:

Line directors assume a significant job in overseeing worry in the working environment as they are frequently the primary port of call for representatives on occasion of trouble. It is in this manner critical that chiefs build up the expected capabilities to empower them to successfully bolster their immediate reports. Aptitudes and practices required include:

4.2.1 Capacity to survey and recognize work environment stressors - what are the present requests? Is the work configuration proper? Keep in mind that changes to an open arrangement condition or lighting, for instance, could be a trigger of worry for a few people.

4.2.2 Attention to signs and indications of stress - Are representatives bizarrely bad tempered, furious or potentially sad? Is it accurate to say that they are appearing of absentmindedness, absence of fixation?

4.2.3 Capacity to construct a decent affinity - Promote a transparent situation so representatives feel ready to voice their worries, for example, strife issues at work or individual issues at home. Show compassion by effectively tuning in and appearing

comprehension of difficulties looked by people both at work and home. At last, work in association with the representative to make proper changes in accordance with work structure and execute powerful pressure the executive's procedures.

4.3 Take time to exercise:

This exhortation has been given commonly however on the grounds that it's a banality doesn't mean it isn't valid. I was lucky to work quite a bit of location wellness focus. Except if my calendar on a given day totally blocked it, I generally required some investment at lunch to head outside and run, and it might well have been the most imperative hour of my day. I returned empowered and composed, prepared for a beneficial evening. On the off chance that you do have the chance to practice amid work hours, I can't envision not exploiting the advantage. It's an energizer and stress-reliever.

V. Effects of stress:

People are most shrewd creatures on earth. Yet at the same time they fall prey to pressure made by their own associations and organizations. This circumstance is similarly risky for organizations in light of the fact that over the top worry in workers cause representative turnover. Exceedingly focused on representatives stay missing to evade unpleasant condition in association. Workers who are exceptionally focused on need inspiration. At the point when body experiences any compromising or distressing circumstance, body demonstrates three particular stages to battle the pressure.

5.1 Physical and Emotional effects of stress over the long term:

In solid individuals, the sensory system keeps up a harmony between a pressure reaction and unwinding. Be that as it may, for a few people, this framework stays alert, which makes them helpless to unwind. On the off chance that this circumstance ends up ceaseless, an entire assortment of physical and enthusiastic pressure related side effects and sicknesses can pursue.

5.1.1 Physical effects of stress symptoms:

- ✓ Accelerated aging
- ✓ Decreased immunity
- ✓ Heart disease
- ✓ Digestive issues
- ✓ Hormone imbalances
- ✓ Skin issues

5.1.2 Emotional effects of stress symptoms:

- ✓ Feel grouchy and powerless to manage even little issues.
- ✓ Feel disappointed, lose your temper all the more frequently, and holler at others for reasons unknown.
- ✓ Feel nervous or tired constantly
- ✓ Think that its difficult to concentrate on assignment.
- ✓ Stress excessively over little things
- ✓ Feel that you are passing up things since you can't act rapidly
- ✓ Envision that terrible things are going on or going to occur.

5.2 Physical consequence:

Stress can show itself into different physical perceptions as changed working of framework. Modified working of cardiovascular framework causes hypertension. Weight on musculoskeletal framework causes cerebral pains and strain. Stress causes change in motility of GIT subsequently causing clogging or looseness of the bowels. Stress may influence CNS of workers to cause dazedness, blacking out or unsteadiness. It additionally causes sudden ringing in ears. Stressors can build perspiring and cause moist spirits and palms. Indeed, even the respiratory framework is influenced by pressure causing challenges in breathing and moaning. Stress additionally influences our invulnerable framework which makes us helpless for diseases, for example, normal cold and so on. Unexplained as well as regular hypersensitivity assaults are basic in unpleasant condition because of sharpened body. Faltering or stammering while at the same time talking is normally observed in focused on people. Burping or fart is seen. Granulating and gritting teeth are available in focused on people.

5.3 Psychological Problem:

Consistent pressure cause modified brain research of person. An endless pressure may introduce itself into assortments of perceptions. Stress causes diminished certainty of an individual subsequently it makes anxiety. Stress causes intemperate uneasiness where individual dependably stresses over moment things. Focused on individual dependably indicates offense because of his

diminished work limit. Stress causes a sleeping disorder. Stress gives an individual his most exceedingly awful bad dreams. Stress makes an individual without rest. Stress causes event of exasperating dreams. Stress causes exasperates fixation. Stress causes dashing considerations through the psyche. Stress expands absent mindedness. Stress makes you increasingly passionate. Stress causes dread and nervousness. Worry for quite a while causes despondency. Ability to take choice is hampered. Focused on individuals are powerless to dementia and Alzheimer more than sound people.

5.4 Behavioural problem:

Stress causes prompted conduct changes which can be straightforwardly observed into focused on people. Stress causes short temperedness of a person. Stress causes disappointment in focused on people. Such disappointed people turn out to be progressively threatening because of sentiment of sadness. Focused people appear to be increasingly absent minded in recalling little subtleties. Individuals enduring pressure are confused. These individuals are additionally befuddling in taking even a little choice. Focused on individuals can't adapt new things very effectively. Focused on individuals frequently feel lonelier than other individuals. They frequently show feeling of uselessness. These individuals show self-destructive propensities. Individuals experiencing pressure are progressively confounded. Focused on individuals show greater probability of over the top/habitual conduct.

VI. Combat Stress:

It is a typical reaction to the psychological and enthusiastic strain benefit individuals encounter when confronting intense or risky battle circumstances. It is frequently called battle and operational pressure response since this sort of stress can occur amid harmony and war time. It tends to be because of battle or upsetting conditions amid operational preparing or sending. It tends to be activated by a circumstance that helps you to remember a troublesome affair. Remember that everyone reacts distinctively to pressure. You might not have indistinguishable manifestations from your pal. To help decide whether you're encountering battle and operational pressure, converse with your essential consideration supplier. You can likewise

utilize a secret, online self-evaluation to kick off the discussion.

6.1 How can you combat stress?

There are many effective ways which help an individual to combat stress and live a happy and healthy life. These methods include-

1. **Get more sleep-** which provide proper rest to your body.
2. **Enter in physical activities-** physical activities boost the mind and body and help to regain the confidence which is lost due to stress.
3. **Relaxation stress-** such as arts, dance, music help people to get more creative and relieves the stress.
4. **Talking to a close one-** talking to a close one helps to relieve stress and provides comfort.
5. **Time management** - permits productive utilization of time. Also, which encourages people to sort out his/her exercises. What's more, which keeps up day by day course of exercises and it decreases pressure.
6. State 'NO' to extra immaterial demand taking extra, irrelevant solicitations which are redundant, builds the outstanding burden and causes extra pressure.
7. **Take adequate rest-** if you are ill-taking adequate rest helps people recover from the symbols of stress and helps to improve the mood.
8. **Avoid habits-** such as smoking, alcohol etc. - these products cause dependence and further induce stress by need of continuous consumption of these products.
9. **Facing the cause-** confronting the reason for pressure is one of the real answers for lessen the pressure. When you confront the stressor, the reason of pressure is no more and the individual is free from pressure.

6.2 Organizational measure to combat stress:

The following measures can be taken by organization combat stress,

1. **Decreasing Long working hours:** Organizations should see that long

working long stretches of representatives ought to be diminished and appropriate time the executives methods are instructed to them.



Figure : 1 [Combat Stress]

2. **Encouraging Employees to do Work- Life balance:** Required trainings ought to be given to representatives to keep up the work-life balance.
3. **Utilization of Technology-** The associations should utilize the accessible innovation and give particular instructional classes on any point required for work progression.
4. **Correspondence** - The associations ought to support correspondence and dependably requests input, where the HR supervisor ought to in every case specifically available to any worker to tune in to. The association dependably attempt to catch up with all corporate and business news, notwithstanding new examinations distributed in regards to work pressure, how to spot it and tackle it.
5. **Security Fears** - The Organizations should take endeavors in making workers and individuals feel safe by applying laws for security checks, checking characters of guests to the

firm and not enabling unapproved individuals to enter.

6. **Presentation of Retirement Plans -** Applying Social Security framework and benefits reserves, which is an extraordinary protection and help for workers all together not to stress over their retirement any more.
7. **Occupation security and dread of scaling back -** The Economic Crisis is mind boggling. Lamentably, cutbacks and scaling down are constrained on numerous associations, and there is nothing that administration can do inside to stop this issue. H. Work environment Diversity - The organizations should contract a wide range of encounters from all ages, sexual orientations, and from all dimensions of instructions.
 1. the relevant factors related to stress on an online survey platform.
 2. The survey link was the uploaded to some social networking sites, research platforms and also distributed to known acquaintances.

VII. Managing Stress In The Moment

All is said about overseeing pressure which centers around what should be done and what should be possible to stay away from the surmounting weight that makes place for worry to sneak in. Be that as it may, what isn't talked regularly is the way to manage it at the exact second when an individual in under worry at work environment since when an individual enters the work environment, he/she is now weighed down with pressure shrivel from yesterday's work or home related weights. These things simply heap up significantly further when the individual begins another day at work with included weight of work. Individual and expert life is indistinguishable yet to stay away from over focusing on circumstances, the key is to oversee worry at the time.

7.1. Talk to yourself:

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7.2. Solicit for a friendly ear :

Each individual has somebody who they can depend on and at the times like these, an amicable ear comes as leverage. The reason for this isn't just to vent your dissatisfactions yet additionally allowing a chance to the next individual to check on the issue exhibited and might be that can give another point of view and implications to the circumstance, which the psyche can't anticipate because of blockage of negative considerations.

7.3. Project an impression of calmness around others:

Stress is infectious as is mind-set. On the off chance that one individual talks hysterically to the next, there are high odds of getting the reaction in a similar tone which would additionally make pressures between the general population and around influencing the workplace. On the off chance that issues should be settled, stir it up as it ought to be when looked with a similar circumstance however on the other side.

7.4. Think about the time:

At the point when the time of pressure will be over A break in the manner of thinking is fundamental and imparting the sentiment of bliss and lightening when the activity will be finished. Moderate down and process the musings to thoroughly consider what all should be possible once the weight is finished. Some of the time by channelizing these musings to the after work circumstance gives a lift to the vitality levels and another vitality is produced to get rid of the assignments at the earliest opportunity.

VIII. Conclusion

Presently we can reason that pressure is an imperative factor for the representatives in any association. Worry inside a particular limit accomplishes essential destinations. However, on the off chance that pressure surpasses a specific farthest point, at that point it demonstrates its unsafe consequences for the body, psyche and conduct. Presently the approaches to adapt to the pressure incorporate sufficient rest, sports, conversing with a nearby one, unwinding propensities and stopping of addictive items. These all must be utilized to get alleviation from stress. Working environment stress assumes a noteworthy job in physiological and mental prosperity of representatives. It additionally influences the profitability and execution of associations. The different consequences of working environment stress like physical issues, mental unsettling influences, passionate irregularity, way of life aggravations and conduct issues lead to bother the atmosphere of the association. These issues make relational clashes, diminished efficiency, low authoritative duty, expanded non-appearance and more wearing down and so forth. By encouraging the representatives with successful preparing, the administration can furnish them with stage to take care of their pressure related issues. Yoga, reflection, practice and recreational exercises can give better condition to control pressure. Indeed, even time the executives aptitudes help to oversee worry in a viable way. These straightforward yet valuable advances can clear the way for enhanced proficiency of workers and expanded efficiency of association.

- Atmosphere of the workplace and chief help are the significant reason of occupation stress. In the event that there is participation and coordination inside the group and with the administrator, one feels persuaded to put forth a valiant effort.
- Friendly air at working environment decreases worry because of extreme outstanding task at hand. Get

together gathering on ends of the week just as excursions on vacationer puts in gatherings can help in lessening mental pressure.

- It is increasingly important to concentrate on the systems of decreasing worry also than to know the reason for pressure alone. The suitable method to manage pressure is to ensure there is a right harmony between great pressure and awful pressure. Representatives need great worry to remain inspired and profitable.

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