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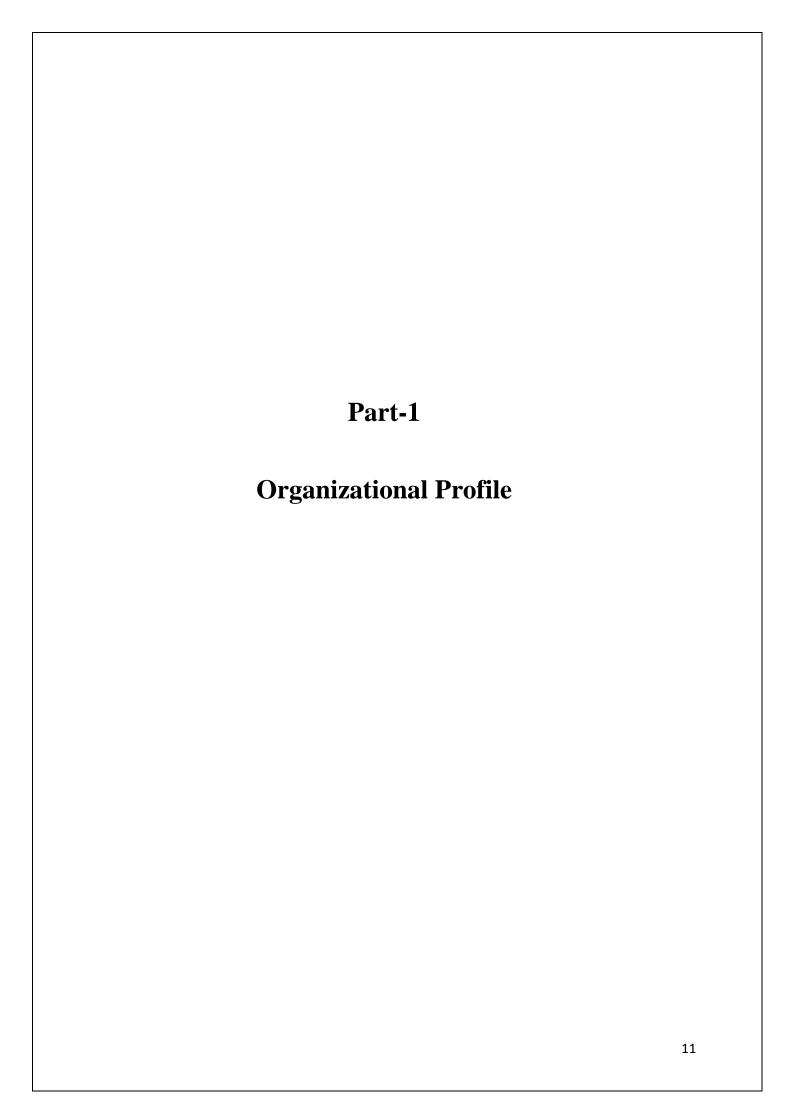
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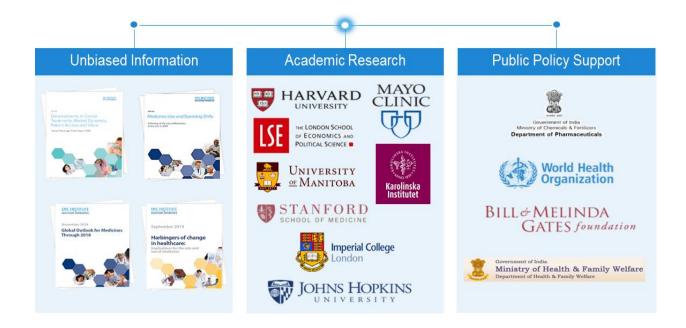


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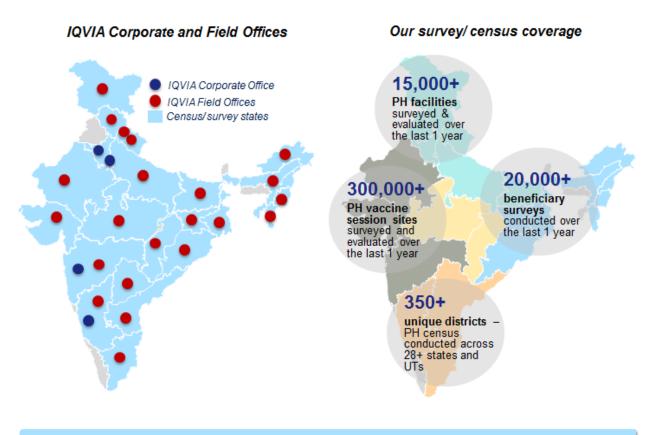
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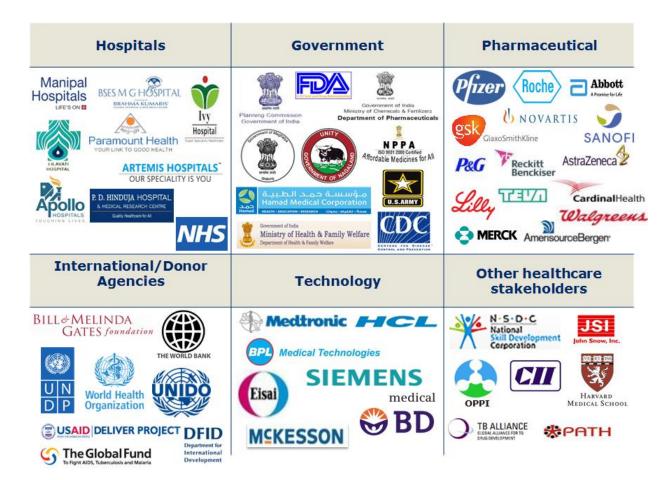
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## Introduction

Organizations in today's world are trying to meet multifaceted objectives which are often tough to reconcile. Intensification of work is a major problem for professionals and putting a pressure on their cognitive, psychological and physical abilities (Hamon-Chorlet and Rougerie, 2000).

Exercise and lack of physical activity are known determinants and risk factor for many disorders and diseases. For example- obesity, overweight, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and some forms of cancer. According to estimate one billion adults are overweight globally (i.e., having a BMI more than 25kg/m2) and the figures are continuously rising. Physically inactive people, becoming active is important to alleviate overweight related health problems this will decrease chances of developing cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. Physical activity and exercise may also mitigate the symptoms of distress, sleeping problems and depressive mood, eliminate back plan and this all will contribute towards productivity at workplace.

Over a period, a time certain number of work-related health and safety problems has been identified in various working areas (Askenazy and Gianella,2000). Workload or we can term it as "Excessive workload" has been identified as a common denominator in psychological and physical terms among the working age group. Most of the internal and external resources which are available for workers has been affected by intensification and consequences of workload.

A report by Surgeon General (1996) on Physical Activity and Health says "Physical activity of a type that improves cardiovascular endurance reduces the risk of developing or dying from cardiovascular disease, hypertension, colon incubation period of merely days and its clinical course generally completes within weeks. Chronic health condition is a general term that comprises both chronic diseases and impairments (Hoffmann, Rice, Sung 1996).

The about explanations can be clearly observed in health professionals, which may lead to negative behavior towards their health, individual and organizational behavior.

Excessive workload which leads towards high attrition rate, turnover of employees and absenteeism (Bakker, Demerouriti, Shauffeli,2003)<sup>10</sup> and work performance problems (Dyne, Jehn, Cummings,2002). Workload can be measure in variety of ways, some of them can be performance based measures, Self-report, behavioral observation and by psychological measures. In some cases, psychological indicators can be more sensitive than performance based measures for finding initial changes in mental workload. In this situation phycological measures can show increased activation before the occurrence of relevant performance indicators. Generally increased cardiovascular measures like heart beat and blood pressure are found at increased rate in relationship with increased workload or demanding nature of world. This situation a IQVIA at investment on mental resources for employees who desires to maintain their level of performance in response to increasing level of workload.

In an era where service sector is achieving the utter most important level, the value of employees is at peak. Employees having specialism on certain skills have large demand and gain special attention in industry, as productivity and performance of company or organization banks on health of such employees. In a highly competitive corporate environment, absenteeism of employees due to sickness, due of excessive workload. Sedentary lifestyle cannot be affordable by any company or organisation.

## **Literature Review**

In last few years, hours of overtime per week in US, manufacturing industries, has been recorded at 4.7 hours per week. In durable goods industry it is around 5 hours per week. Said figures constitutes as all-time high. In other sectors of business, the numbers are on the increase as well. Americans are being asked to give 150% just to be on their workload.

Performing at unrealistic workload level will certainly lead to a breakdown. This is already happening in some of the workplaces and is becoming obvious in some large sector agencies.

Technology has been a major factor in the dramatic increase in workload and burnout. With the insertion of cellphone, Pagers, Fax machines and email employees are never far from their work. They can't escape from work and relax. Phone call is causing additional burden on the employee as it interrupts his concentration on as specific project and distract the flow of a routine. This can be a major stress factor, as the quality of work time is as important as quantity of work time.

Employees must now find time for attending e-mails and voice mails, staying quick on fast moving technologies and otherwise dealing with vast areas of work. The AP reported in May 1998 state that average business manager receives 190 messages a day, this can be a perfect example of work overwork.

The information technology field is a perfect model of work overwork in consequence. Work overwork is cited as the leading source of stress for members of the industry in a report released by RHI consulting in Menlo Park, Ca. Many jobs are vacant, which puts extra burden on shoulder of existing employees. "companies are trying to do whatever they can do with the minimum amount of staff possible" says Maria Schafer, Program Director at Meta Group, Inc.

Adopting systems from different vendors by IT departments, which results in more Multifaceted projects and greater difficulty in completing them, is one of the major reason of overwork. Added to this, is the need of many employees in large metropolitan areas to spend up to several hours a

day commuting to and from work, making the average work day in all practicality, much longer then needed.

#### 1. Consequence of Workload on Employee Health

"Burnout results when individuals experience increasing amount of negative stress" (PG. 2 of (www.employer-employee.com/Burnout.html) says Gary Vikesland. Stress: (1) a force that tends to distort a body. (2). A factor that induces bodily or mental tension. (Dictionary Definition). Stress from work overwork leads to physical or psychological strain, and negative stress can result in feelings of:

Distrust

Rejection

Anger

Depression

Fear

A sense of working out of obligation

Boredom

These feeling in turn can lead drug use and chronic smoking and all the health problems they represent. They can also lead to numerous other health problems including:

High cholesterol

Fatigue

Increased heart rate

Weight gain or loss

Headaches

Upset stomachs

Rashes

Insomnia

Ulcers

High blood pressure

Strokes

In extreme cases worker overwork and burnout can even lead to death. The discovery channel has reported on Japanese Businessman who have literally worked themselves to death, and simply drop dead of too much stress.

#### 2. Consequence of Workload on family

Work overwork not only consequence an employee but can also influence the employee's family. Changes in the roles of couples in work and home are increasing the workload assigned on them. As a result, married men and women are more likely to experience anxiety and depression than a single men and women. (Nation campaign on work overwork). This added stress has important consequences on a family. There are two most important concerns: First, the time couples should be spending with their children is time spend working instead. Second is the lack of time the couple spends developing their relationship as a couple.

When both parents work full-time, their children lose out on "quality time" they could be spending with their parents. Only parents can teach their children the traditions that lie within the family. The response children show when parents teach them to read, or assist them with homework is much greater than the response to baby-sitters or teachers. Without the time to spend with their

children, families lack the closeness they should have. Married couples with children also suffer from added stress of providing time for the family.

For couples, work overwork can be just as devastating. Divorce rates have been increased in the last few decades than ever. Couples lose that "spark" when they have a lot of things to deal with. The stress that work overwork puts on couples' relays back into their relationship causing tension and anger between them. This can be disaster in the life of couple who haven't deal with this earlier.

#### 3. Consequence of Workload on Company/Organization

We have seen the consequence of work overwork which an employee has. So, what does this mean to an employer whose employee may be suffering from work overwork and consequent burnout? Why should an employer care? There are four major reasons.

- The employees most likely to develop burnout are the company's best employees. The superstar employees are most likely to feel burnout because they generally put lot of themselves into their job, spend more time at work, and take work more seriously and personally. An employee that does not take their work personally will not experience burnout. (www.employer-employee.com/Burnout.html)
- The superstar employee who is feeling burnt-out or leading towards burnout is the last one to see it. Furthermore, before they correct the problem, they will likely do all the wrong things to try to correct by themselves. They might increase the amount of effort they put into the job. Employees who attempts to outperform their stress usually lasts feeing discouraged and leave it at some point, which is faced by employer in form of losing their best employees. A high attrition rate is clear indicator that a company may be facing because of worker's overwork. (www.employer-employee.com/Burnout.html.com) by Gary Vikesland, MA
- Employees who report experiencing a high level of stress are the thrice more likely to suffer from continuous illness. This can lead to increased absences from work for sick leaves, and in most of

the cases cause workman's compensation or other medical expenses for the company. According to the Bureau of labor statistics, Workers who must take time of the work because of stress, anxiety, or a related disorder will be off the job for about 20 days.

Psychology has done several studies on the consequences of stress prevention programs in hospital setting. In one study, the frequencies of medication errors declined by 50% after prevention activities were implemented in 700-bed hospital. In the second study, there was 70% reduction in malpractice claims in 22 hospitals that implemented stress prevention activities. In contrast there was no reduction in claims in a similar group of 22 hospitals that did not implement stress prevention activities. (www.cdc.gov/noish/stresswk.html)

As one can see, work overwork has a negative consequence on the organisation or company as well as on employers and employees, this results in absenteeism and has direct consequence on the productivity within the organisation or company. Hence, the need for prevention work overwork is quite clear.

(http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/ddahl/paper.html)

Lack of Physical Activity (PA) are known indicators and are major risk factors for several diseases and disorders. For example- overweight and obesity, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and some type of cancer. As we have discussed earlier that globally one billion adults have BMI less than 25kg/m2 and this number is continuously increasing. Person who are physically inactive, it is must for them to be active to deal with overweight related health problems and to decrease the chances of developing cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. PA and exercise may also eliminate the symptoms of distress, depressive mood and sleeping problems, backpain which all will contribute towards productivity at work.

Lifestyle factors like use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs, diet and other non-occupational factors like hereditary, age, gender and climate can interact with occupational factors causing increase in

health risk of working youth population. This will all lead towards health figure of nation and will also attract towards increase in percentage of non-communicable diseases and chronic pulmonary diseases.

# **Rationale of the Study**

Over workload are responsible in increasing the risk of alcohol and drugs abuse, complications in social relationship, depression, anxiety, and suicide in health professional. However, the consequence of too much physical workload and job stress on quality and outcomes of healthcare delivery is quite clear. Over work load and job stress can have negative impact on practices performance and increase the risk for occupational health complications. Insight in to the underlying mechanism and the size of such consequences are limited.

Professionals are required to perform various tasks at the same time (multi-tasking) within a restricted time frame. They are subjected to physical workload as well as mental workload. The main purpose of the present study is to determine the occurrence and influence of work load on health between the working youth professionals.

**Objectives and Methodology** 

**Objectives: -**

1. To examine the workload among young working professionals and document the reasons for the

same.

2. To determine the health consequences of workload among young working professionals.

Methodology: -`

Study type: Descriptive cross-sectional study.

Study Area- Two paying guest house located in Laxminagar area of New Delhi,

Sample size:

Using a purposive sampling, a sample size of 120 was covered. A structured questionnaire was

distributed to all the respondents. Out of 120 respondents, 102 filled the questionnaire completely

and were taken into consideration.

**Inclusion criteria**: Young professionals, who were working in any organization for more than 3

months and residing in two selected paying guest house, were included in the study.

Data collection tool: semi-structured questionnaire.

Data analysis: Data was analyzed using SPSS version 16.0 software.

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# **Analysis and Results**

Demographic details of the respondents: -

**Table 1: Gender of Respondents** 

#### Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percent (%)	
Female	57	55.9	
Male	45	44.1	
Total	102	100.0	

**Table 2: Age of Respondents** 

#### Age

Age Category	Frequency	Percent (%)
20-29 years	90	88.2
30-39 years	12	11.8
Total	102	100.0

**Table 3: Nature of Respondent's Organization** 

**Type of Organization** 

Type of organization				
Organization Type	Frequency	Percent (%)		
Government or public sector	27	26.5		
Private	57	55.9		
Other (internship or part time)	18	17.6		
Total	102	100.0		

Gender-wise distribution of the respondents shows that 56 percent of them are females and remaining are males. Almost 88 percent of the respondents are in the age group of 20-29 years, while remaining 12 percent in the age bracket of 30-39 years. With respect to their profession,

nearly 56 percent worked in the private sector, 26 percent in government and 18 percent were either interns or working part time.

#### Workload as determined by the respondents: -

**Table 4: Responses on workload** 

**Excessive Workload** 

Category	Frequency	Percent (%)
No	19	18.6
Yes	48	47.1
Sometimes	35	34.3
Total	102	100.0

Respondents were asked about their workload status, i.e., whether they have excessive workload, if any, due to the job. It was found that 47.1% respondents reported for excessive workload, while 34.3% responded that they have excessive workload sometimes while 18.6% responded for not having any excessive workload.

Table 5: Gender wise responses on workload

Gender*Workload Crosstabulation					
Gender		No	Yes	Sometimes	Total
Female	Count	8	27	22	57
	% of Total	7.8%	26.5%	21.6%	55.9%
Male	Count	11	21	13	45
	% of Total	10.8%	20.6%	12.7%	44.1%
Total	Count	19	48	35	102
	% of Total	18.6%	47.1%	34.3%	100.0%

Gender wise cross tabulation of workload shows that female employees report more workload in both the categories.

Table 6: Organization wise responses on workload

**Organization\*workload Crosstabulation** 

			Workload		
Organization Type		No	Yes	Sometimes	Total
Government or public	Count	3	11	13	27
sector	% of Total	2.9%	10.8%	12.7%	26.5%
Private	Count	15	30	12	57
	% of Total	14.7%	29.4%	11.8%	55.9%
Other (internship or part	Count	1	7	10	18
time)	% of Total	1.0%	6.9%	9.8%	17.6%
Total	Count	19	48	35	102
	% of Total	18.6%	47.1%	34.3%	100.0%

It is found that employees working in private sector responded more for excessive workload as compared to others.

**Table 7: Reasons of excessive workload** 

	Responses		Percent of
Reasons for Workload	N	Percent	Cases
Shiftwork	11	5.3%	10.8%
Inadequate break times/mealtimes	19	9.1%	18.6%
Unsocial hours	19	9.1%	18.6%
Unfair distribution of work	43	20.6%	42.2%
Repetition of work	39	18.7%	38.2%
Meeting deadlines	38	18.2%	37.3%
Underutilization of skills	16	7.7%	15.7%
Poor supervision	24	11.5%	23.5%
Total	209	100.0%	204.9%

In the above Table- 7, respondents respond on reasons for their excessive workload. From analysis it is found that Unfair distribution of work (20.6%), Repetition of work and Meeting deadlines only, counts for more than 50%(n-209) for stress and excessive workload

Table:8 Response on work life balance

work life balance

Category	Frequency	Percent (%)
No	49	48.0
Yes	53	52.0
Total	102	100.0

When respondents were asked to report on the work life balance, 48.0% respondents said that they don't have work life balance.

#### Health consequences of excessive workload

**Table:9 Responses on Hours of sleep** 

Sleep*Workload Crosstabulation					
Sleep Time	No	Yes	Sometimes	Total	
less than 6 hours	5	12	1	18	
	27.8%	66.7%	5.6%	100.0%	
6 hours	12	21	26	59	
	20.3%	35.6%	44.1%	100.0%	
8 hours	2	14	8	24	
	8.3%	58.3%	33.3%	100.0%	
10 hours	0	1	0	1	
Total	.0%	100.0%	.0%	100.0%	
Total	19	48	35	102	
	18.6%	47.1%	34.3%	100.0%	

The above table shows cross-tabulation between sleep time and workload and it is found that those who sleep up to 6 hours are more in the category of respondent who have reported they have excessive workload (including sometimes).

Table:10Responses on Health and Safety is at Risk because of Workload

Health and Safety is at risk because of workload

Category	Frequency	Percent (%)
No	26	25.5
Yes	41	40.2
Sometimes	35	34.3
Total	102	100.0

Respondents were asked about their perception on risk over health due to workload and 40.2% respondents stated that their health is at risk, while 34.35% respondents stated sometimes their health is at risk and 25.5% respondents think that their health in not at all at risk.

Table:11 Responses regarding sick-leave

Sick Leave *Workload Crosstabulation						
Sick Leave	No	Yes	Sometime	Total		
No	11	29	19	59		
	18.6%	49.2%	32.2%	100.0%		
Yes	8	19	16	43		
	18.6%	44.2%	37.2%	100.0%		
Total	19	48	35	102		
	18.6%	47.1%	34.3%	100.0%		

The above table no.-11 shows cross-tabulation between sick leave and excessive workload. It indicates that those who have taken sick leaves are more in the category of those respondents who have reported excessive workload (including sometime).

Table:12 Reasons for availing sick leave

### @4lsyourworkloadtoomuch\*\$Diseases Crosstabulation

			Reasons for sick leave <sup>a</sup>										
			exnaustio		depressio n/ anxiety/ anger	VINIANCA/	elevated stress	joint/musc le pain	headache s	trouble sleeping	memory trouble	irritability	Total
	no	Count	3	3	4	2	1	2	6	5	3	6	19
workload	yes	Count	19	7	9	5	3	6	28	11	3	9	48
Total		Count	22	10	13	7	4	8	34	16	6	15	67

Table no.-12 indicates that most of the employees who said yes to excessive workload took leave due to depression, elevated stress, exhaustion, headaches and joint pain. And those who said no to excessive stress also took leave due to headaches, trouble sleeping and exhaustion.

#### Behavioral attitude due to stress and excessive workload: -

Table:13 Responses on Behavioral attitude

Behavioral attitude due to stress and excessive work load

Category	Frequency	Percent (%)
Positive	20	19.6
Negative	10	9.8
Calm	26	25.5
Anxious	8	7.8
Angry	13	12.7
Depressed	25	24.5
Total	102	100.0

Behavior of a person varies under circumstances, in Table-15, behavior of the respondents due to excessive workload has been analyzed and results state that merely 20 respondents (19.6%) have positive attitude rest all have some kind of change in their attitude. Major elements contributing

towards change in behavior are being calm (25.5%), depressed (24.5%) and angry (12.7%). This shows how stress and excessive workload has behavioral impact on life of an employee.

**Table:14 Responses on Physical Activity** 

Crosstabulation - Workload\*Physical activity

	Exercise or Physical activity						
Workload	Workload		li			no	
		once a	once in two	once in a	a few days in	exercise at	
		day	or three days	week	a month	all	Total
No	Count	4	2	0	1	12	19
	% of Total	3.9%	2.0%	.0%	1.0%	11.8%	18.6%
Yes	Count	17	3	7	2	19	48
	% of Total	16.7%	2.9%	6.9%	2.0%	18.6%	47.1%
Sometimes	Count	5	6	2	7	15	35
	% of Total	4.9%	5.9%	2.0%	6.9%	14.7%	34.3%
Total	Count	26	11	9	10	46	102
	% of Total	25.5%	10.8%	8.8%	9.8%	45.1%	100.0%

In Table-14 The above table shows a relation between Excessive workload and exercise or physical activity. It shows that among the responded 33.3% of the respondent does not do any physical exercise and they have excessive workload.

Areas to be work on by company/Organization to reduce excessive workload on health of working youth population:

Table:15 Responses of area to be worked on

areas to be worked upon to reduce excessive workload

Category	Frequency	Percent
Poor decision-making process	11	10.8
Proper training	9	8.8
Knowledge and development opportunity	26	25.5
repetition of work	15	14.7
Lack of authority	5	4.9
Poor communication and technology	24	23.5
conflicting work demands	12	11.8
Total	102	100.0

In the above Table-15, response on areas to be worked upon is asked from respondents and analysis states that lack of knowledge and development opportunities and poor communication are factors which contribute 50% of response on which organisation need to work for their employees. other major areas were organisation may provide assistance to their employee could be poor decision-making process, repetition of work and conflicting work demands.

# **Findings**

Decreases productivity is an important consequence of presence of health problems. On the other hand, several health problems can be prevented with appropriate continuous physical activity. The Effect of workload on health behavior and presentation is analyzed in this study. This study will also put glimpse on behavior of respondents because of excessive workload.

In the preventive healthcare system employee is considered as an important part as they can act as value creator, increase importance of health services as they can set role model by performing physical and mental activities for decreasing prevalence of chronic diseases and creating a healthy environment.

Today we can see that productivity of an employee is deteriorating day by day due to excessive workload and it also decreases overall productivity of company/organization.

We all know that several diseases can be prevented with the help of physical activity. Respondents are asked about their response on workload they have that is excessive workload if any, due to that job. It is found that 48(47.1%, n=102) respondents reported for excessive workload, while 35(34.3%) responded that sometimes they have excessive workload while 19(18.6%), Responded for not having any excessive workload, Gender wise cross tabulation of workload is done and from analysis it is found that female employees report more workload in both the categories. 48.1% female employees and 33.3% male employees reported that they have excessive workload normally or sometimes it is found that 48.0% respondents, said that they don't have work life balance.

Respondents respond on reasons for their excessive workload. From analysis it is found that Unfair distribution of work (20.6%), Repetition of work and Meeting deadlines only, counts for more than 50%(n-209) for stress and excessive workload. And crosstabulation between Sleep time

and Workload and it is been analyzed that among respondents having sleep time less than 6 hours of 6 hours of sleep, 72.3%, or 79.7% have excessive workload. Connection between sick leave and excessive workload. Among Respondent for the sick leave, 81.4% had excessive workload. And the employees who said yes to excessive workload, they had these reasons for availing sick leaves to depression, elevated stress, exhaustion, headaches and joint pain.

Behavior of the respondents due to excessive workload has been analyzed and results state that merely 20 respondents (19.6%) have positive attitude rest all have some kind of change in their attitude. Major elements contributing towards change in behavior are being calm (25.5%), depressed (24.5%) and angry (12.7%). This shows how stress and excessive workload has behavioral impact on life of an employee.

Responses on physical activities, 45.1% respondents responded that they don't do any kind of physical activity and only 25.5% respondents do daily physical activity. From this we can say how health of an employee is under risk due to excessive workload and lack of time for personal activities.

Response on areas to be worked upon is asked from respondents and analysis states that lack of knowledge and development opportunities and poor communication are factors which contribute 50% of response on which organization need to work for their employees. Other major areas were organization may provide assistance to their employee could be poor decision-making process, repetition of work and conflicting work demands

## **Conclusion**

There are several problems related to workplace, but stress and excessive workload can be counted as one of the major existing problem. Excessive workload is stretching from work to home and is becoming the problem of whole world and somehow every employee either working fulltime, part-time or working in public sector or private sector. Causes and losses from workload is evident from study done. Workload is increasing day by day in every sector. Overtime is now becoming a common factor in every organization and it is also expected and accepted now. Impact of this can be found in employee's individual life, in organization and in society. Increased attrition rate, more number of divorce cases, poor health and increasing out of pocket expenditure of people are evident to justify the effect of stress and workload on life of an employee.one of the solution to this can be stress management, another can be done from organization's side like defining roles and responsibilities clearly, supervision and work distribution should be appropriate and as per qualification. All these will help in development of healthy workplace, which will lead in development of healthy workforce.

From the present study, it is evident that stress and excessive workload is playing significant role in health of employee which must be resolved from both employee and employer side. There should be retreat, sports activities, physical activities, healthy workplace and by increasing support to individuals by ensuring good career and staff development strategies and promoting formal and informal social support.

Excessive workload is adversely associated with health and wellbeing of employee. Due to presence of stress we can find cases of physical and mental illness. Behavior of employee also get hampered due to stress and workload which decreases productivity.

# Limitations of the study

- Time is also a limitation as study has to be completed with scheduled time frame.
- Result may not be generalized to other population.

# **Recommendations**

#### **Recommendations for Employee**

There are several things which an employee can do to cope up with stress and excessive work load.

- Young working professionals (i.e. about 81.4%) have excessive work load according to this study.
   Hence, they should try to do their work in segments/divisions/intervals. This will help employees to take rest during working hours.
- Since, employee have their sleeping hours reduced due to workload hence, they should try to develop a habit of taking a proper eight hours of sleep.
- Participate in competitions which need you both mentally and physically as it will help in increasing your productivity.
- Engage yourself in any kind of sport and musical therapy.

#### **Recommendations for Organisation / Company**

- Organisation should try to work on the inadequate working hours, repetition of work, and unfair distribution of work, to make their employee work in a better organisational environment.
- Work load is more in Private organisations(29.4%), hence they should work on ways to relieve this workload.(arranging some play full activities, quizzes, get together during free time)
- They should try to avoid conflicting environment, maintain proper authority and supervision.

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#### **Annexures**

#### **Annexure-1**

### Questionnaire

An Assessment of the Impact of Stress and Excessive Workload on Health of young professionals.

	F- 0-4001-0-1-0-1
1)	In which kind of organization are you employed?

- a) Government or public
- b) Private sector
- c) Internship or part time
- 2) Gender
- a) Female
- b) Male
- 3) What is your oldness?
- a) Less than 20 years
- b) 20-29 years
- c) 30-39 years
- 4) Is your workload too much?
- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Sometimes (more than three days a week)
- 5) What are the reasons of your excessive workload? (You can choice more than one as applied to you)
- a) Shiftwork
- b) Inadequate break times/mealtimes
- c) Unsocial hours

g)	Underutilization of skills	
h)	Poor supervision	
6)	Do you have a good work life balance?	
a)	Yes	
b)	No	
7)	How much control do you have over your job?	
a)	You can plan your own work	
b)	You can participate in decision making for your own job	
c)	You have control over pace/content of your work	
d)	You have no control at all	
e)	Agree with point a-c	
8)	In what way do you feel about your job:	
a)	Satisfied	
b)	Dissatisfied	
c)	Sometimes dissatisfied	
9)	How many hours of sleep do you take?	
a)	Less than 6 hours	
b)	6 hours	
c)	8 hours	
d)	10 hours	
e)	More than 10 hours	
10)	Do you feel your health and safety is at risk because of workload?	
a)	Yes	
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d) Unfair distribution of work

e) Repetition of work

f) Meeting deadlines

b) No
c) Sometimes
11) Have you taken any sick leave due to effect of workload on health, during the past two months?
a) Yes
b) No
12) Have you had any of the following complications due to excessive workload, in the last two
months? (Tick more than one if applies to you)
a) Exhaustion/Fatigue
b) Gastrointestinal disorders
c) Depression/Anxiety/Anger
d) Violence/Bulling
e) Elevated stress
f) Joint/Muscle pain
g) Headaches
h) Trouble sleeping
i) Memory Trouble
j) Irritability
13) How often do you exercise or join in physical activity?
a) Once a day
b) Once in two or three days
c) Once in a week
d) A few days in a month
e) No exercise at all
14) What is your behavioral attitude due to excessive work load?
a) Positive
b) Negative

- c) Calm
- d) Anxious
- e) Angry
- f) Depressed
- 15) According to you, which areas to be controlled by the organization to reduce stress and excessive workload?
- a) Poor decision-making process
- b) Lack of training
- c) Lack of knowledge and development opportunity
- d) Repetition of work
- e) Lack of authority
- f) Poor communication and technology
- g) Conflicting work demands

#### Annexure-2

### **Functioning Characterizations**

### **Fatigue/Exhaustion:**

Fatigue is physical and/or mental overtiredness that can be generated by stress, medication, overwork, mental and physical illness or disease.

#### **Gastrointestinal disorders:**

A disease that relate to the gastrointestinal tract are categorized as digestive diseases.

## **Depression:**

It is a state of low mood and hatred to activity.

### **Anxiety:**

It is a multisystem answer to be supposed as threat or danger.

## Anger:

It is an emotional reaction considered as extreme annoyance, rage, indignation or unfriendliness.

#### **Violence:**

Application of physical force to injure or abuse.

### **Bullying:**

It is a method of aggressive behavior demonstrated using force or coercion to affect others, particularly when actions are habitual and involves an unevenness of power.

### **Positive attitude:**

It is one that gives confidence and determination. It is a willing heart and joyful spirit no matter the situation.

### **Negative attitude:**

It is a result of lack of imagination. A negative attitude is characterized by a great condescension for everything, someone who continuously points out the negative in everything.

#### Calm attitude:

Nearly or entirely motionless, undisturbed, not enthusiastic or agitated.

#### **Anxious:**

Full of mental suffering or uneasiness because of fear of danger.

#### Work life balance:

Trying to schedule an equal number of hours for each of your numerous work and individual activities.