Comparing Occupational Stress Level In Employees Of Public And Private Sectors Along Age And Gender

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ABSTRACT
In present day eccentric climate, the best managers comprehend that estimating their laborers' heartbeats and interfacing them to their organization objectives will help them flourish and give them an upper hand. Then again, in the present cutthroat climate, representatives' parts in any firm are more confounded, and this intricacy might expand their degree of stress in their lives and in the organization. The ongoing review tried to survey how much word related pressure in workers of two unmistakable sorts of business networks known as open and confidential area firms. The ongoing review incorporated an all-out example of 240 workers from public and confidential area endeavors.

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INTRODUCTION
In numerous organizations, work pressure is one of the most predominant wellbeing problems, especially among ladies. Besides, an ascent in word related pressure joined with an absence of social help might adversely affect psychological wellness. The capability of social help in the connection between work pressure and mental prosperity among working people in Europe was investigated in this review. The scientists took a gander at cross-sectional information from the 2015 sixth European Working Circumstances Study, which included 14,603 men and 15,486 ladies from 35 European countries.

The analysts utilized the Hayes cycle large scale 4 demonstrating way to deal with compute the immediate, roundabouteffect of working environment weight on working people's psychological wellbeing. The Hayes cycle large scale 59 model was additionally used to evaluate the distinction in sexual orientation in the intervening effect.

The discoveries uncovered that work environment stress affects mental prosperity among European representatives (\( P = 0.2352, P \leq 0.05\)).

There were, be that as it may, critical distinctions in sexual orientation in the association (\( P = 0.3729, p 0.05\)), with ladies having a bigger impact size than guys (men: = 3.9129, p 0.05 versus ladies: =4.2858, p
Moreover, the backhanded effect uncovered that social help adjusted the relationship between word related pressure and mental prosperity ($P = 0.0181$, CI: 0.02120.0153).

Regardless, the interceding effect of social help was no different for people.

This study shows that working environment stress affects mental prosperity in working people, and that social help adjusts this connection.

Representatives went in age from 22 to 41 years. Workers have a base instructive degree of graduation. The review's example comprised of center administration level faculty.

The normalized self-report evaluation, Word related Pressure List, and an accidental example approach were utilized to gather information (OSI). The discoveries uncovered that there was no tremendous distinction in the word related feelings of anxiety of representatives in general society and confidential areas. The impacts old enough and orientation on word related pressure were likewise not found. Hans Selye spearheaded pressure in the existence sciences in 1936.

In the seventeenth 100 years, it was normally used to signify difficulty, strain, hardship, or languishing. The present specialists and experts see the peculiarities of stress from an alternate point. As per Kets de Vries (1979), every human need an unobtrusive degree of stress to stay conscious and fit for performing great in an association (Pestonjee, 1999).

As indicated by friendly analysts, intrapsychic prerequisites enact components of perceptual choice, safeguard, and readiness. There are enormous fluctuations in how individuals respond to pressure and their capacity to bear it, even inside similar individual on different events. The most key reality about pressure is that it, similar to sensations, is felt. The demonstration of feeling worried is one in which there is a reference, not a relaxed relationship, to a thing that is implied or deliberately introduced.

It could be a resource however much it is adequate and adds to authentic contest. Very much oversaw anxieties lead to hierarchical greatness and individual accomplishment (Pestonjee, 1999). As per Luthans (1995), the extraordinary pace of social and mechanical improvement essentially affects individuals’ ways of life, which, obviously, is reflected in their work. Present day way of life, as agreeing Pareek and Khanna (2011), is distressing.

The opportunities for and amount of pressure develops as associations get more convoluted. Stresses are developing because of urbanization, industrialization, and a development in the extent of exercises. These are the undeniable results of financial and economical complex. Individuals are stressed on the grounds that they never again have all out command over their lives.

In this day and age, it is basically impossible to keep away from pressure. A few words have been utilized reciprocally with pressure. In related writing, four expressions are utilized reciprocally: stress, strain, struggle, and tension.

The expression "strain" has been utilized to portray the effect of weight on a person. 'Pressure' has likewise been utilized in this unique situation.
The expression "struggle" ordinarily alludes to an incongruence between two factors like points, means, thoughts, etc.

The expression "stress" has been utilized to allude to an improvement (or cause, for example, a mixed up phone; the reaction (physiological, conduct, or mental changes) to such an improvement, for example, elevated circulatory strain, enlivened breathing, stepping of the foot, seeing the phone division as inept, etc; or on the other hand the resultant condition of the creature, for example, lack of interest, endeavors to get the phone fixed, etc.

The previous has been named eustress, while the last option has been named dis-stress. To offer our best or max operation, we require 'ideal pressure or eustress.'

Ideal pressure permits us to concentrate, concentrate, and urge ourselves to perform at our best.

**REVIEW LITERATURE , SLR**

Many parts of the workplace may be stressful. Some are common in most employment, such as disagreements with coworkers or severe workloads. Others are exclusive to specific vocations. Based on 10 role stressors, **Bano and Jha (2012)** performed a study to investigate the difference in job-related stress between public and private sector employees. According to the study, stress levels were found to be moderate in both public and private sector employees, with no significant difference in total stress levels identified in public and private sector employees (www.lahoreschoolofeconomics.edu.pk.com).

**Awan and Jamil (2012)** tried to conduct a research to determine variations in overall job stress levels among permanent staff in private and public sector banks. There is a significant variation in the total job stress level of the employees of public and private sector banks. Private-sector bank personnel were shown to be more anxious than public-sector bank staff (www.managementjournals.org).

**Chaudhary (2012)** undertook a study to investigate the amount of occupational stress among Pakistani formal and informal university instructors. The stress level was determined to be moderate in both groups, with no major difference detected between government and non-governmental university lecturers. There was no difference in stress levels between male and female university lecturers, according to the study (www.pu.edu.pk).

**Sankpal et al. (2010)** found that there is a substantial difference in role stress between public and private sector bank workers in a study focusing on role stress in the banking industry. Employees at private banks reported more organizational role stress than those at public banks. (www.dhruvacom.net). **Jasmine (1987)** compared the levels of job-related stress experienced by public and private blue collar workers. The data analysis found that role incumbents in public sector companies were much more stressed than those in the private sector. There was no evidence of a link between stress and age.

**Ahmad (2005)** discovered that both male and female weavers had moderate levels of occupational stress. In their study, **Modekurti and Chattopadhayay (2008)** discovered that levels of stress were more overwhelming in female professionals due to the increased need to balance their personal and professional life (www.dhruvacom.net).

The many stress studies focused on various types of stress in employees that are connected to their employment or workplace. According to the literature study, some factors that contribute to occupational stress are the employee's function in the organization.
The current study aimed to investigate the amount of occupational stress among individuals from two distinct business groups, the public and private sectors.

The current study additionally looked at the effects of age and gender on occupational stress.

**OBJECTIVE OF STUDY**

1. To see whether the degree of occupational stress among public and private sector employees differs.
2. To see whether employees in the public and private sectors have different levels of occupational stress as they become older.
3. To see whether the degree of occupational stress among public and private sector employees differs by gender.

**METHODOLOGY**

**Hypotheses:**

Following hypotheses were established based on a previous examination of the literature.

1. Employees in the public and private industry would experience significantly different levels of work stress.
2. In the public and private sectors, there would have been no substantial variation in the amount of professional stress among employees as they grew older.
3. In the public and private sectors, there would be no substantial variation in the amount of occupational stress among employees based on gender.

**SAMPLE**

In this study, casual sampling was employed as a sample method. Various government departments and insurance firms were addressed in the public sector.

IT firms, as well as numerous production and non-production groups, were addressed in the private sector. The survey included a total of 240 personnel from the public and private sectors in Pune, Maharashtra, India. Employees in the intermediate management levels were chosen for the research. Their minimal educational requirement was a high school diploma.

There were 240 employees in all, with 120 from the public sector and 120 from the private sector. There were 60 males and 60 females among the 120 personnel in each section.
Out of the 60 employees in each sector, 30 were between the ages of 22 and 31, and 30 were between the ages of 32 and 41.

TOOLS

SRIVASTAVA AND SINGH'S OCCUPATIONAL STRESS INDEX (OSI) (1981)
The Occupational Stress Index was developed to determine variable stress. It's a self-administered inventory. It covers 46 components that are connected to many stresses, such as role stress, role conflicts, role ambiguity, excessive group and political pressure, individual accountability, under involvement, powerlessness, bad peer relations, intrinsic poverty, low status, and so on. Unprofitability due to difficult working circumstances.

DATA COLLECTION
Because the current study is based on employees of both public and private sector organisations, initial contact was made with a variety of public and private sector organisations, including IT industries, various production and non-production organisations, insurance companies, and various government offices. Their cooperation was requested, and any lingering misgivings were addressed. The OSI inventory and response sheets were delivered to the participants, accordingly. Their results were kept private.

DATA ANALYSIS
The raw OSI scores were divided into sectors and age groups, with means and SDs determined for each. The difference in raw scores of occupational stress among public and private sector employees was determined using t-values. Two-way ANOVA was used to compare occupational stress levels across factors such as gender and age in both the public and private sectors.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Table 1: Means, standard deviations, t-values, and p-values of OSI of Public (N=120) and Private (N=120) Sector Employees.

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<th>Sectors</th>
<th>Mean</th>
<th>+SD</th>
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<tr>
<td>Public banks</td>
<td>120.22</td>
<td>21.06</td>
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<td>Private banks</td>
<td>120.02</td>
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Figure 1 depicts a thorough classification of the number of employees in both the public and private sectors, which are grouped into three categories of occupational stress: high, moderate, and low.

Figure 1 reveals that out of 120 employees in the public and private sectors, 11 (9.2 percent) of the public sector employees and just one (0.8 percent) of the private sector employees reported significant levels of occupational stress. Sixty-two public-sector employees (51.7 percent) and 68 private-sector employees (56.7 percent) reported moderate levels of occupational stress.

Fourty-seven public-sector employees (39.2 percent) and 51 private-sector employees (42.5 percent) reported modest occupational stress levels.

**H 1: There would be a considerable disparity in occupational stress levels between personnel in the public and private sectors.**

As indicated in Table 1, the mean OSI score of public sector employees (N=120) was 128.22, with an SD of 21.49. The mean OSI score of private sector employees (N=120) was 124.04, with an SD of 16.27. The value of 't' was determined to be 1.69 (p=0.05).
The findings show that personnel in the public and private sectors experience significantly different levels of stress. The hypothesis number one is retained in light of the preceding findings.

In Indian company culture, public sector organisations have long been known for their easy and relaxed working environments, where job security, clarity about employees' roles in the organisation, fixed salaries, and comparatively less work pressure may be the reasons for employees' lower stress levels. Whether in the public or private sector, the practise of human resource development has risen in recent years, and firms have begun to focus on employees' needs and expectations, as well as developing effective corporate culture and policies.

**Table 2: Means, SDs, F ratio, and ‘p’ value of OSI of Employees of Public (N=120) and Private Sectors (N=120) along Age Groups**

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<tr>
<th>Sectors</th>
<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>60</td>
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<td>Public</td>
<td>A2</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>126.10</td>
<td>22.42</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>126.05</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>122.03</td>
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A1 (Age 22 to 31 years), A2 (Age 32 to 41 years)

NS=Not Significant

**Figure 2: Graphical Presentation of Occupational Stress of Employees of Public and Private Sectors along Age Groups**
Figure 2 depicts the thorough classification of public and private sector employees in the age categories A1 (22-31 years) and A2 (32-41 years) into three degrees of occupational stress: high, moderate, and low.

Figure 2 reveals that out of 60 public sector employees, seven (11.7 percent) of A1 (22 to 31 years) and four (6.7 percent) of A2 (32 to 41 years), seven (11.7 percent) of A1 and four (6.7 percent) of A2 indicated a high degree of stress.

Thirty-two A1 employees (53.3%) and thirty A2 employees (50%) reported moderate stress levels. Twenty-one A1 workers (35%) and 26 A2 employees (43.3%) answered that their profession caused them little stress.

And, among the 60 employees in each of the age groups, A1 (22 to 31 Years) and A2 (32 to 41 Years), just one employee (1.7 percent) in A1 and none in A2 shown a high degree of stress. Thirty-five percent of A1 employees (58.3 percent) and 32 percent of A2 employees (53.3 percent) reported moderate stress.

Twenty-four A1 workers (40%) and 27 A2 employees (45%) reported modest occupational stress levels.

H 2: There would be no substantial variation in the amount of occupational stress among employees in the public and private sectors based on age.

As indicated in Table 2, the mean of the OSI scores of public sector employees in age group 1 (22 to 31 years) was 130.35, with an SD of 20.49. Employees in the private sector, age group 1, had a mean score of 126.05 and a standard deviation of 15.54. Employees in the public sector, age group 2 (32 to 41 years), had a mean score of 126.10 and a standard deviation of 22.42.

Employees in the private sector, age group 2, had a mean score of 122.03 and a standard deviation of 16.86. The 'F' ratio was discovered to be 0.002 (NS, p0.96).

The findings show that employees in the public and private sectors of both age groups are stressed to a modest degree, with no significant differences in stress levels between public and private sector employees by age group.

The hypothesis number 2 is kept in light of the preceding findings.

The most basic reality of stress is that it is felt, just like any other emotion.

It is not an earned or learnt process that is subject to frequent modification.

Any time there is a transition or a change, there is a level of tension involved.

Employees in their early and mid-career years report a continuous level of stress.

It is only beyond the age of 50 to 55, when things is time to retire, that it may alter.

The current study focused on the age groups A1 (22-31) and A2 (32-41) of employees who were just starting or in the midst of their careers, which might explain why there was no significant difference in their stress levels in the public and private sectors.
### Table 3: Means, SDs, ‘F’ ratio, and ‘p’ value of OSI of Male and Female Employees of Public and Private Sectors

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<td>Female</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>124.70</td>
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NS=Not Significant

### Figure 3: Graphical Presentation of Occupational Stress of Male and Female Employees of Public and Private Sectors

[Graphical presentation of occupational stress levels for male and female employees in public and private sectors.]

- **Public Sector**
  - High Stress
  - Moderate Stress
  - Low Stress

- **Private Sector**
  - High Stress
  - Moderate Stress
  - Low Stress

Frequency of occupational stress levels stratified by gender.
Figure 3 depicts a thorough classification of the number of male and female employees in the public and private sectors, split into three categories of occupational stress: high, moderate, and low.

Figure 3 reveals that out of 60 male employees in each sector, eight (13.3 percent) of the public sector employees and just one (1.7 percent) of the private sector employees were judged to be very stressed. Thirty employees from the public sector (50%) and 31 employees from the private sector (51.7%) exhibited signs of moderate stress.

Twenty-two public-sector employees (36.7 percent) and 28 private-sector employees (46.7 percent) had low stress levels.

On the other hand, out of 60 female employees from each sector, three (5%) from the public sector had high stress levels, but no female employees from the private sector had high stress levels. Thirty-two (53.3%) public-sector employees and 37 (61.7%) private-sector employees reported moderate stress.

Twenty-five public-sector employees (41.7 percent) and 23 private-sector employees (38.3 percent) reported low stress levels.

H 3: There would be no substantial variation in the amount of occupational stress among employees in the public and private sectors based on gender.

As indicated in Table 3, the mean of the OSI scores for public sector males was 128.75, with a standard deviation of 22.64, while the mean of the scores for private sector males was 123.38, with a standard deviation of 17.56.

On the other hand, the mean of the scores for public sector females was 127.70, with a standard deviation of 20.46, while the mean of the scores for private sector females was 124.70, with a standard deviation of 14.99.

The 'F' ratio was discovered to be 0.23 (p0.63 NS).

The results show that both male and female employees had moderate levels of stress, with no significant difference in stress levels between public and private sector employees.

Given the preceding findings, hypothesis number 3 is retained.

In India, when women began working outside the home in the previous several decades, it was originally difficult for them to balance their obligations at work and at home.

At the same time, feelings of uncertainty at work, a hazardous atmosphere, and a lack of social support were major sources of stress in women. The situation has now completely shifted. Women's stress levels are now reduced as a result of changing culture and surroundings, as well as the supportive attitude of family members, equal opportunity, and a safe working environment.
Earlier research indicated a difference in stress in public and private sector employees (Awan & Jamil, 2012), with findings revealing moderate stress in both public and private sector employees, and a significant difference in overall level of stress ($t=1.69$, $p=0.05$) in public and private sector employees. The discovery backs with prior results. Employees in the public and private sectors showed no link between age groups and stress ($F=0.002$, $p=0.96$ NS), which is consistent with previous findings indicating no significant relationship between stress and age (Jasmine, 1987).

While there was a significant difference in stress levels between male and female employees in both the public and private sectors ($F=0.23$, $p=0.63$ NS) earlier (Ahmad, 2005), there was no such difference in stress levels between male and female employees in both the public and private sectors ($F=0.23$, $p=0.63$ NS).

This study backs with previous studies that found no significant difference in stress levels between male and female professors at public and private colleges (Chaudhary, 2012).

**CONCLUSION**

Work pressure showed an essentially negative and direct impact on mental prosperity among working people by and large, albeit the size of the impact was more prominent among ladies than guys. Moreover, though friendly help intervened the relationship between word related pressure and mental prosperity in working people, there was no distinction in sexual orientation in the interceding influence. What's more, social help relieved the relationship between emotional wellness and word related pressure. The ebb and flow study underlines the meaning of orientation in humanistic and word related wellbeing research.

Subsequently, legislatures, associations, and policymakers ought to lay out and carry out work-family approaches that advance orientation equity and improve business and working conditions for all kinds of people.

Associations should likewise help their staff to comprehend and fulfill the help necessities of their representatives appropriately.

1. Representatives in people in general and confidential areas experience essentially various degrees of word related stress.

2. Representatives in people in general and confidential areas have comparable degrees of work pressure no matter what their age.

3. There is no measurably massive contrast in word related pressure among male and female public and confidential area workers.

**FURTHER STUDIES**

The study suggests that future research on the association between occupational stress, social support, and mental well-being be conducted using a longitudinal approach in order to demonstrate causation. Furthermore, in future studies, it is critical to examine any mediating variables that may link the association between occupational stress and mental health outcomes. Cognitive flexibility, optimism, and resilience, for example, are characteristics that may influence the link between job stress and mental well-being.
Because their search was based on a single-item approach to job stress, future research should include other theoretical approaches to job stress, such as job demand control, effort reward imbalance, job demand resource, and the transactional process model, to gain a more comprehensive and dynamic understanding of the issues at hand.

Finally, given the diversity of socioeconomic policies throughout Europe, future research should focus on the cross-country variability in the mediating effect of social support in Europe, particularly among men and women.

This might contribute to a greater understanding of social policies in different nations, as well as the relevance of their role in fostering gender equality and influencing job stress, social support, and mental health.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY
This study is dependent upon certain restrictions. To begin with, in spite of the way that this study adapted to a few confounders, inferable from an absence of information, components from social and natural determinants of wellbeing were excluded from the hypothetical model. In any case, the social attributes that were remembered for this examination, for example, instructive level and social class in view of work, are perceived to be key financial determinants of wellbeing results.

Second, because of the review's cross-sectional nature, the outcomes couldn't be utilized to gather causality. Third, this study depended on self-report measures, which are inclined to inclinations and may not precisely mirror workers' authentic position. In any case, it has been shown that using self-answering to evaluate word related and psychological wellness results is an exceptionally proper and recommended evaluation procedure that might be better than different strategies. Fourth, planned examinations in this field of exploration habitually incorporated various measurements to decide word related pressure. In any case, this study depended on a solitary thing word related pressure assessment.

Subsequently, the discoveries of this review ought to be deciphered with alert since using a solitary thing overview to assess word related pressure might build the opportunity of misclassification. Notwithstanding, the single-thing test used in this review empowered respondents to promptly and all around imagine the importance of occupation stress to convey reasonable answers. At long last, just work environment social help was considered as a directing element.

Beside social help, extra conceivable interceding components that might relate word related pressure and mental prosperity might exist.

In spite of these restrictions, the review is the main in Europe to assess the relationship between word related pressure and mental prosperity through friendly help among working people.

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