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Employee Work Life Balance In Elakayem Auto Ancillaries Pvt Ltd

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ABSTRACT

Work-life balance is essential for maintaining well-being while achieving professional success. It refers to the equilibrium between work responsibilities and personal life, ensuring individuals can fulfill their job demands without compromising their health and relationships. In today's fast-paced world, excessive workload and blurred boundaries due to remote work contribute to stress and burnout. Effective time management and prioritization of personal fulfillment help individuals reduce workplace stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Organizations play a crucial role by implementing workplace policies that support flexible work arrangements, encouraging mental health initiatives, and fostering a culture that values employee well-being. Individuals must set clear boundaries between work and personal life while utilizing stress management techniques to ensure a healthy balance. Employers who promote job satisfaction through wellness programs and work flexibility experience improved employee engagement and retention.

Keywords: work-life balance, productivity, stress management, time management, employee well-being, remote work, flexible work arrangements, job satisfaction, mental health, work policies

INTRODUCTION

Work-life balance is the key to maintaining both professional success and personal well-being. In today's fast-paced world, finding harmony between work responsibilities and personal life can be challenging, yet it is essential for long-term productivity and happiness. A well-balanced life allows individuals to reduce stress, improve mental and physical health, and foster meaningful relationships outside of work. Prioritizing time for self-care, family, and hobbies not only enhances overall satisfaction but also boosts efficiency at work. Achieving this balance requires effective time management, setting boundaries, and embracing flexibility to ensure that work and personal life complement rather than compete with each other.

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

The study explores the corporate and organizational work environment, specifically focusing on employees navigating between professional responsibilities and personal life. As organizations expand and digitalization increases, employees face mounting workloads, longer hours, and heightened expectations of constant connectivity. This scenario is especially prevalent in industries like IT, services, and corporate sectors where job roles are demanding, competitive, and deadline-driven. Work-life balance has evolved from a personal challenge to a strategic organizational concern. Employers now recognize that supporting employees in achieving this balance leads to higher job satisfaction, better retention, and enhanced productivity. As a result, industries worldwide are increasingly adopting flexible work models, wellness programs, and remote/hybrid work policies to address these issues.

IDENTIFIED PROBLEM

- Lack of clear boundaries between work and home life.
- Excessive workloads and extended working hours.
- Inadequate organizational support structures.
- Technological overexposure leading to constant availability.
- Mental and physical health deterioration due to stress and burnout.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1. To investigate the impact of work-life balance on employee well-being (mental, physical, and emotional).
- 2. To explore the relationship between work-life balance and employee productivity/performance.

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- 3. To examine the key challenges employees, face in maintaining a balanced life.
- 4. To study the effect of work-life balance on employee retention and loyalty.
- 5. To understand the role of societal and cultural factors in influencing work-life balance perceptions and practices.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Rashmi Kataria (2022) Conducted a systematic literature review and bibliometric analysis, identifying four primary research themes: flexible work arrangements, gender differences, work—life interface, and WLB policies. Emerging topics include gender discrepancies and the impact of contextual factors and organizational culture on WLB.

Ali, Naz, & Azhar (2024) Explored the relationship between WLB and women's career motivation in the Indian context. The study emphasizes the need for organizations to tailor policies that support women's career growth while maintaining a healthy work-life balance, contributing to a more inclusive and gender-equitable work environment. Ismawati,

Soetjipto, &Sopiah (2023) Investigated the influence of WLB and work-from-home (WFH) arrangements on work productivity. Findings suggest that WFH positively impacts emotional well-being and productivity, highlighting the importance of organizational support and balanced approaches to WFH implementation

Basuni&Sopiah (2023) examined the relationship between WLB and employee burnout. The study found an increasing trend in research on this topic and identified several key factors contributing to WLB and burnout, offering a basis for future research.

Zahra Sulastiana (2023) provided a comprehensive understanding of WLB outcomes for employees, categorizing them into individual and organizational outcomes. The study utilized a systematic literature review approach, analyzing 25 articles to draw its conclusions.

Mharchelya&Hariko (2024) focused on the impact of WLB on career and life satisfaction. The review of 10 articles published between 2020 and 2024 indicates that implementing WLB practices leads to higher career and life satisfaction among employees.

Medina-Garrido, Biedma-Ferrer, & Ramos-Rodriguez (2023) assessed the impact of work-family policies on employee well-being and job performance in the Spanish banking sector. The study found that access to flexible working hours and family support services indirectly enhances job performance by improving employee well-being.

Biedma-Ferrer, &Bogren (2023) analyzed the role of organizational support for work-family balance in the tourism sector. The research highlighted that organizational support and accessible work-family policies contribute to increased employee well-being and commitment, with variations based on gender and seniority.

Vitaharsa Wasino (2023) Explored how WLB influences employee productivity in modern companies. The literature review indicates that work flexibility, stress management, Russo, Hanel, Altnickel, & van Berkel (2021) This longitudinal study investigated the daily routines of software engineers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings indicated that while remote work did not significantly alter the time spent on activities, it did affect well-being and productivity. The study emphasizes the need for organizations to understand the nuances of remote work to support employee well-being effectively.

Medina-Garrido, Biedma-Ferrer, &Bogren (2023) Focusing on the Spanish tourism sector, this research examined the impact of organizational support for work-family balance on employee well-being. The study found that accessible work-family policies, coupled with organizational support, positively influenced employee well-being and commitment. The effects varied based on gender and employee seniority, highlighting the importance of tailored policies.

Aman-Ullah, Hassan, Jahangir, &Mehmood (2024) this comprehensive literature review explored work-life balance in Pakistan, identifying key factors such as job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and job stress. The study suggests that future research should focus on underexplored industries like retail, manufacturing, hotels, and telecom. It also recommends employing alternative theories like knowledge-based and resource-based theories to enhance understanding.

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Palouzian, Hegedus (2023) This study utilized grounded theory to model the impact of mentoring on women's work-life balance. Findings indicated that role management is a key criterion for work-life balancing among women. The study provides recommendations for organizations to support women's career development through effective mentoring programs. Medina-Garrido, Biedma-Ferrer, &Bogren (2023) focusing on the Spanish tourism sector, this research examined the impact of organizational support for work-family balance on employee well-being. The study found that accessible work-family policies, coupled with organizational support, positively influenced employee well-being and commitment. The effects varied based on gender and employee seniority, highlighting the importance of tailored policies.

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RESEARCH GAP

Understanding the dynamics of work and personal life integration. However, several research gaps persist. One major limitation is the lack of longitudinal studies, as most existing research is cross-sectional and does not capture the long-term effects of WLB policies on employee well-being, productivity, or retention. Additionally, there is a noticeable sectorial imbalance in the literature, with a strong focus on corporate and IT industries, while critical sectors such as healthcare, education, manufacturing, and hospitality remain underexplored. Another important gap lies in the geographical focus of research; much of the data comes from developed Western countries, leaving a need for more culturally nuanced studies from developing.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Based on the above reviews of literature, most of the studies dealt with stress management techniques and initiatives and its negative and positive impacts on employees. However, this study isn't specifically done in Hosur air work india engineering Pvt ltd. Thus, finding cannot be generalized.

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

Access to reliable financial data on engineered quartz exports is limited due to varying reporting standard across countries and companies.

 $Studies \ may \ exclude \ regions \ with \ significant \ export \ potential, \ limiting \ the \ applicability \ of \ findings.$

Predicting the impact of currency fluctuation on profitability is challenging due to the variability over

time. Company's reluctance to share financial information due to the confidentiality can impede data collection effort.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Table 1.WORKPLACE PROVIDE WELLNESS PROGRAMS (e.g., health check-ups, stress management sessions)

S.no	Opinion	No. Of respondents	Percentage
1	Yes, regularly	55	55%
2	Occasionally	42	42%
3	No, never	3	3%
Total		100	100%

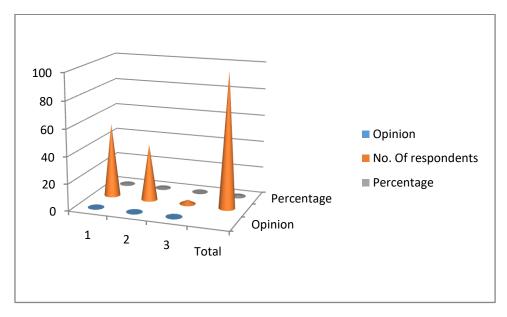


CHART 1
WORKPLACE PROVIDE WELLNESS PROGRAMS

INTERPRETATION:

From the above table 5.1.15 shows that 55% of people said that they conduct regularly, 42% of people said that they conduct occasionally, 3% of people said that they never conduct.

Table 2.COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING WORK-LIFE BALANCES ISSUES WITH YOUR MANAGER

S.no	Opinion	No. Of respondents	Percentage
1	Strongly agree	27	27%
2	Agree	30	30%
3	Neutral	30	30%
4	Disagree	10	10%
5	Strongly disagree	3	3%
Total		100	100%

Source: Primary data

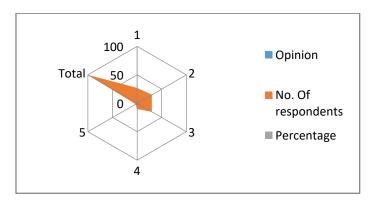


CHART 5.1.14
COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING WORK-LIFE BALANCES ISSUES WITH YOUR MANAGER

INTERPRETATION:

From the above table 5.1.14 shows that the discussion with the manager about the work-life balance, 27% of people said that they are strongly agree, 30% of people said that they are agree, 30% of people said that they are neutral, 10% of people are said that they are disagree, 3% of people are said that they are strongly disagree.

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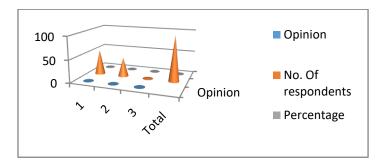


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- 1.Majority 42% of the people are in the experience level of 0-5
- 2. Majority 28% of people are in the department of production
- 3. Majority 41% of people are working in the time period of 8-10 hours
- 4. Majority 40% of people are working in the fixed work time, in the organization
- 5. Majority 62% of people are said that they are ok with the reasonable working hours
- 6. Majority 31% of people are said that they are having overtime sometimes
- 7. Majority 71% people are said yes, the workload is manageable in the organization
- $8.\ Majority\ 40\%$ of people disagree in the scale of 1-10, how stressful in your job
- 9. Majority 39% of people are said that they give sometimes for the personal and the family activities
- 10. Majority 31% of people are said sometimes the responsibilities interfere in the personal life
- 11. Majority 39% of people are said that rarely they are respond to work related message outside working hours
- 12. Majority 70% of people are said yes for support flexible working arrangements
- 13. Majority 37% of people are said they are satisfied with the leave policies
- 14. Majority 30% of people are agree and neutral with the comfortable discussing work-related
- 15. Majority 55% of people are said that the company provide regularly wellness programs for the employees

SUGGESTION

Work-life balance plays a crucial role in the overall well-being, productivity, and satisfaction of employees. Organizations must adopt thoughtful strategies to help their workforce maintain a healthy equilibrium between professional responsibilities and personal life. Firstly, companies should implement flexible work hours and offer remote or hybrid work options, allowing employees to manage their time according to personal and family needs. Providing this autonomy improves trust and reduces burnout. Secondly, establishing a supportive work environment is essential. Managers should encourage open communication, realistic goal-setting, and respect for boundaries after working hours. Creating an empathetic culture where employees feel heard enhances both morale and retention. Additionally, organizations should invest in health and wellness programs, such as regular health check-ups, yoga or meditation sessions, and mental health counseling. These initiatives promote better physical and mental well-being, directly supporting work life harmony.

CONCLUSION

Work-life balance is fundamental to achieving both professional success and personal well-being. It enables individuals to manage their responsibilities effectively while maintaining their health, relationships, and mental peace. In today's demanding work environments, the boundaries between personal and professional life are often blurred, leading to stress and burnout. To counter these challenges, individuals must prioritize time management, establish clear boundaries, and engage in activities that promote relaxation and fulfillment. Organizations also play a significant role in fostering a healthy work-life balance by implementing supportive policies such as flexible work arrangements, wellness programs, and mental health initiatives. A

balanced approach enhances productivity, reduces stress, and improves job satisfaction, benefiting employees and employers alike. Work-life balance is not a static goal but an ongoing process that requires continuous evaluation and adaptation. Striking this balance enables individuals to lead more fulfilling lives, enhances workplace efficiency, and contributes to a healthier society. Ultimately, maintaining work-life balance leads to a happier, more engaged, and productive workforce, fostering environments where personal and professional aspirations can coexist harmoniously. By actively supporting this balance, both individuals and organizations can create sustainable and meaningful success.

DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Examine the impact of remote and hybrid work on mental health, productivity, and employee engagement.
- Assess how organizational policies, such as wellness programs and flexible schedules, contribute to employee retention and workplace wellbeing.
- Investigate cultural differences in work-life balance expectations and global best practices.
- Analyze the role of technology, workplace automation, and artificial intelligence in shaping work environments and professional boundaries.
- · Explore the long-term consequences of work-life imbalance, including burnout, physical health issues, and reduced motivation.
- · Compare generational differences in work-life balance expectations, especially younger workers prioritizing flexibility and well-being.
- Identify effective strategies for establishing clear boundaries between work and personal life.
- Develop measurable indicators of employee satisfaction and work-life balance success within organizations.

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