A Study of Employment and Work Stress Management in the Banking Industry in Meerut District

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Abstract

A major setting's treatment of people of different sexual orientations is what the phrase "gender variety" refers to. While most contexts and uses of the phrase pertain to men and individuals, there are a few that imply persons of other sexual orientations. I can't believe it! For a long time, women were only allowed to handle domestic matters and local issues. Women endured unspeakable abuse under the male-dominated Indian society. A number of factors, such as the supplier end, unexpected decline in family pay or absence of family pay, pushed women to seek employment in the informal sector, however this did not lead to women's diversity.

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Introduction

The financial and monetary frameworks of every economy rest on a rock-solid budgetary arrangement. An agricultural nation like India has to have a robust banking system. A statute was passed in 1949 known as the Bank Regulation Act, which delegated authority to the Reserve Bank of India "to manage, control and investigate the banks of India." A lot has changed in the banking sector as a result of post-advancement financial shifts. The new era retains money, which uses cutting-edge technology and expert administration, has gained traction and a reasonable position in the banking market after first being overshadowed by open area banks in India. When it comes to profit, productivity, and overall organizational viability, HR is king. What distinguishes one human asset from another is their underlying mental capacity, skill, behaviour, competence, and attitude. When it comes to picking the firm's overall and individual success in this severe atmosphere, representatives of any business organization are the deciding element. To ensure the safety of female workers both on the job and in transit, legitimate activities, regulations, tactics, and guidelines should be developed. For the sake of avoiding segregation, administrative progression and advancement strategies should be performance-oriented rather than gender based. A woman now occupies one of every five positions in India's massive banking, cash management, and insurance industries. But it's also true that big banks in the US, Europe, and even Wall Street don't have any female executives. Without a shadow of a doubt, more women work in India than in any other country on Earth.

Acknowledgement relies on financing, which is the root of financial progress. Finally, standing up straight promotes past explosion on a flat surface. In other words, a robust and reverberating credit strategy in an economy is essential for the rapid expansion of the financial system. One distinctive feature of microfinance modification is its emphasis on women's empowerment. Microfinance helps women in many ways: her family situation improves, she gains more respect than before, she becomes an active and contributing member of community groups, and she has the independence to pursue opportunities to grow her small company. Modified microfinance really strengthens economies, societies, and governments. In the context of women's empowerment, strengthening is identifying, demanding, and overcoming obstacles so that a woman may increase her agency in shaping her own life and environment. This functional, multi-faceted innovation should empower women to see their full potential in solving any challenge they encounter in their daily lives.

As a perfect institution specialised to take on such a crucial role, banks are among the fundamental pillars of the Indian economy. In general, women have found the most crucial support system in public sector banks, which are present throughout the country. Banks in India have long played a key role in facilitating women's financial inclusion in the economy, whether via early childhood education funding programs, assistance with starting a business, or a steady stream of income for young adults. All of the major public sector banks have announced women-only and women-driven financing and credit plans, which provide opportunities for financing with reduced interest rates and fewer requirements for preapproval. Despite what seems like an overwhelming number of attempts on the part of lawmakers and PSU banks, women continue to avoid banking services due to societal and cultural barriers. Looking at the same data in relation to women working in banking does not provide a very optimistic image. Women do not participate to a sufficient degree in the banking business, as they only possess 28% of total stores and 24% of all operating financial balances in the country. There is obviously a gender gap in access to bank administrations, as just 12% of individual bank loan accounts included women, especially when it came to credit issued.

Literature Review

DJIBRAN, FAUZI. (2025). Particularly in highly regulated workplaces, the growing number of members of Generation Z (Gen Z) poses new problems for the financial sector. Members of Generation Z demand a more open and accommodating work environment, value work-life balance highly, and are always looking for ways to better themselves professionally. Nevertheless, youthful workers may experience considerable workplace stress due to the heavy administrative loads, high job expectations, and tight scrutiny imposed by the banking sector's strict regulatory standards. The purpose of this research is to learn how members of Generation Z have adjusted to the stresses of working in the banking sector as a result of regulatory demands and to document such adaptations. Gen Z's stress levels and work satisfaction are examined via a qualitative lens, focusing on the ways in which financial well-being, professional autonomy, and leadership styles impact these variables. The results show that stress may be reduced and employee retention can be improved with the help of leadership that is supportive, open and honest communication, and flexible work arrangements. The report provides financial institutions with actionable advice on how to meet the expectations of Generation Z via the implementation of employee-centered policies that are compliant with industry standards.

MERCY, J. RINI. (2024). Stress management is more important than ever before for the health of workers in high-pressure professions like banking. This research aims to examine the stress levels, techniques for managing stress, and impacts experienced by bank employees. The findings will provide employers with valuable information to assist their workers' mental health. The purpose of this research is to use questionnaires and interviews to collect data on the stress levels, sources, and coping mechanisms of bank employees. Workload, work environment,

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and management support are some of the organisational variables that will be studied for their impact on employee stress levels.

AVR, MADHAVI & SRINIVASA BANDARU, RAO. (2024). Employees in the banking business are known to face high levels of stress due to the fast-paced and high-pressure nature of their work environment. There are a lot of things that might add up to a stressful work environment, including long hours, tight deadlines, big workloads, and complicated relationships with customers. The difficulties encountered by banking professionals are compounded by the ongoing need to adjust to changing market circumstances, technological norms, and regulatory frameworks. Employees' physical and mental health may be severely compromised by work-related stress, according to studies. This can result in conditions like burnout, anxiety, and depression. Employee engagement, work happiness, and the organization's overall success are all adversely impacted by this. This paper's overarching goal is to provide a thorough evaluation of the relationship between stress on the job and its consequences on bank employees' happiness and productivity. It takes a look at what causes stress on the workplace, how it affects morale, and how to lessen its bad effects. Human resource managers and experts in the banking industry may use the data offered in this article to create stress management programs that really work, which in turn will boost morale and output.

CHOUDHRY, A. N., MUTALIB, R. A., & ISMAIL, N. S. A. (2019) A major concern for progress on a global scale is women's emancipation. Even though MEERUT, like many other countries, has signed a few global declarations to empower women, many of MEERUT's women still face severe isolation, financial dependence being only one of many. A unique study of socio-social variables impacting women's financial empowerment in MEERUT is the goal of this thesis. There are a lot of social and societal issues that make it hard for women to become engaged. As an added complication, the state has failed to publicly disclose the plans. Recording a woman's authorisation plan seems to be a governmental priority, but it has failed to rescue the oppressed and misunderstood masses.

YAMAUCHI, F.**, & LIU,** Y. **(2018)** This proposal uses exceptional data from a study that tracked nearly 3,500 former understudies in the Philippines to examine the long-term benefits of increased school quality throughout the primary school cycle on subsequent tutoring investments and job market outcomes. The TEEP intervention, which took place from 2000 to 2006, brought a slew of modifications to the school level, including new study halls, course texts, educator training, and school-based administrators. The impacts on future tutoring bets and job market profit are different for men and women. There is now less of a pay gap between the sexes since the intervention significantly increased profit among females.

However, findings on the impact of tutoring are mixed; generally, the sex gap would widen, giving women more freedom in tutoring than they have now, but this would have little bearing on either men or women.

Research Methodology

Original, first-hand accounts of a subject are known as primary sources. It seems that the data was compiled directly from the primary source. Primary data is what you get when you collect data in this manner. Writing, industrial studies, arrangements from modernised information bases and data frameworks, numerical or mechanical models of ecological cycles, verified archives, and research works of others are some of the many sources from which secondary knowledge may be retrieved. We used Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) to examine our first two study questions and our collection of hypotheses. The purpose of using the General Linear Model (GLM) was to see whether there was a difference in the techniques for at least two groups. GLM is an analysis of variance (ANOVA) technique that depicts the quantifiable relationship between at least one indicator and a persistent response variable by doing computations using a least squares regression approach.

Social and Financial Factors

Employment/Live Rest

Assumptions abound about the unequal nature of the labour and work culture in the banking and gathering regions, as well as the disproportionately high number of women employed in these fields. Modern devices, such as advanced cells and workstations, keep the activities of the bank zone running smoothly and generate record amounts of income.

Age

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Table 1

Age and Work/Life Balance

Correlation between	‘r’	p value
Age and Work/Life Balance	0.190*	0.008

*Significant at 0.05 level

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Table 2
Rank of Employment/Life Offset as well as Age

Level of Work/Life Balance	Less than 25 years	25 – 30 years	30- 40 years	40 years and above	Total N: 300
Low level	17	24	29	10	80
Moderate level	36	58	53	22	169
High level	8	19	16	8	51
Total	**61**	**101**	**98**	**40**	**300**

Workers over the age of 60 may be eligible for flexible work arrangements that allow them to continue working while caring for an ageing parent, spouse, or grandchild in the event that the worker's own children are unable to care for themselves due to illness, disability, or other personal circumstances.

A unit is the maximum time required to achieve the intended equilibrium. This may be achieved via the use of an experimental approach. Professional workers, guided by their enhanced instincts, plan their workouts and prioritise tasks based on how much time they will take to complete each one.

In addition, one analyst has documented the comparative outcome that there is a positive correlation between age and work/life balance. They have also looked into the possibility that adults can manage their employment responsibilities while also finding a way to free up time for each stage of social development.

Experience

Globally, associations place a premium on works written by people with relevant professional experience. Along with him or her, a skilled worker brings fresh ideas and original concepts to an organization. More significant professional and personal life experience is necessary to manage the fundamental challenges of master practices and comprehend the people calculations that are involved in authoritative growth. In general, accumulated wisdom over many years shows that people have become better at making reliable decisions and handling important issues in their daily lives, whether at work or at home..

Table 3

Years of Work Experience and Work/Life Balance

Correlation between	'r'	p value
Experience and Work/Life Balance	0.167*	0.016

*Significant at 0.05 level

Table 4

Level of Work/Life Balance and Work Experience

Level of Work/Life Balance	2 years	3 – 5 years	5 years and above years	Total N: 300
Low level	16	34	20	70
Moderate level	35	67	67	169
High level	15	24	22	61
Total	**66**	**125**	**109**	**300**

Work Related Pressure

The modern world has made work-related stress a common occurrence. There have been some improvements to the professional lives of women who work in the banking industry as a result of the continuing financial reforms. Most workers should acquire skills that will help them deal with the stress that comes with their jobs. Understanding the sources of work-related stress and actively resisting it is the best way to manage this kind of pressure.

Age

When individuals work, stress is everywhere. Accordingly, work-related pressure affects everybody. Regardless, certain factors, like age, make a person stronger, guiding them to choose the correct plan to manage stressful situations. Whether or not women are better able to choose the amount of work-related pressure

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in the workplace, the results are arranged in Table 1.4, which uses Karl Pearson's Coefficient of Relationship.

Table 5
Age and Occupational Stress

Correlation between	'r'	p value
Age and Occupational Stress	- 0.191*	0.007

*Significant at 0.05 level

Table 6
Level of Occupational Stress and Age

Level of Occupational Stress	Less than 25 years	25 – 30 years	30- 40 years	40 years and above	Total N: 300
Low level	10	26	29	16	81
Moderate level	41	67	61	19	188
High level	10	8	8	5	31
Total	**61**	**101**	**98**	**40**	**300**

Still, specialists have come to a different conclusion. There was no discernible difference between the age groups in their analysis.

Due to the fact that they obtained an F-statistic of 0277, which was deemed insignificant (P=0.0758), experts have determined that there is no significant difference in qualification amongst bank women working in various age groups. Bank employees in the age ranges of 20–25, 26–40, and 41–55 achieved respective mean scores of 132.44, 132.37, and 127.18. Reason being, women in general are less experienced in the workforce, therefore they don't know much about their roles and, consequently, don't want to be there. The reduced work-related weight is a result of this perception of them. In addition, manufacturers have recognized that young adults often join the workforce for a relatively short time (one to five years) and may be adjusting to their roles in terms of sales and the transition to married life.

Experience

Dealing with work-related stress is important regardless of whether or not it is related to work-related stress. Whatever the situation may be, it is generally believed that more years on the job mean less stress. However, no work-related matter is exempt from scrutiny. One way or another, tension is inevitable and, up to a perfect degree, enticing as well. In this case, Table 5.10 displays the facts pertaining to long periods of job insight and word-related stress.

Table 7

Long Periods of Employment Suffer and Business Strain

Correlation between	'r'	p value
Experience and Occupational Stress	- 0.115	0.110

*Significant at 0.05 level

Table 8

Level of Occupational Stress and Years

Level of Occupational stress	2 years	3 - 5 years	5 years and above	Total N: 300
Low level	18	25	33	76
Moderate level	36	83	59	178
High level	7	17	17	46
Total	**66**	**125**	**109**	**300**

Years and Occupational Stress Have a Strongly Negative Correlation. Workers' master abilities, limitations, and capacities will often evolve with increasing years of experience in response to master demands, all while maintaining a structured

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work style that allows them to handle work-related strain. Whatever the case may be, the aforementioned repetition table reveals that work-related pressure is mild in lion's offer works throughout age groups.

There is a seemingly unlimited amount of educational and capacity-building opportunities for people to begin their careers in any association. Moving forward, basic company dispatching will no longer rely on short-range looking at of input continually exhibiting to evaluate an employee's value or existence in an affiliation. Along with the aforementioned consensus, a number of progressively educated experts have identified dynamic pressure as a crucial stressor. Key choices may have far-reaching effects for an individual's job and the association as a whole, but those with more years of experience are less vulnerable to these pressures.

The research shows that if less experienced employees are allowed some leeway to figure out how to fit into the decision-making process for positions of authority, this may lead to interesting outcomes. In a broad sense, these factors may affect anxiety levels in relation to the term.

A little variation among the various age groups was found in an investigation that the investigator had planned. When compared to those with less than ten years of participation, members of the group with more than ten years of involvement reported higher levels of anxiety.

Experts in the field have discovered the near disclosures. They discovered a correlation between the amount of work-related pressure and the degree of work insight.

Individual Life Stress

Both explanations emphasise that the existing capabilities, positive and negative, remain relevant eternally. It is well recognised that when personal life stress is combined with pressure from work, the results may be rather remarkable. There are cases when an individual's level of life stress is affected by the kind of area, they are used in.

Table 9

Long Periods of Employment Experience and Individual Life Pressure

Correlation between	'r'	p value
Experience and Personal Life Stress	- 0.011	0.886

Significant at 0.05 level

Although work-life balance and work-related pressure first seemed to be unrelated topics, they are really very connected. It doesn't matter whether it's a worker's experience, the shine of the changes, or any uncertainty in the severity of any of the problems; it's all about quality of life. One should, then, strive for a better Work/Life Balance and an appropriate amount of stress connected to work in order to enjoy both their professional and personal lives.

Conclusion & Suggestion

There has been a marked improvement in the working conditions and financial standing of women in the workforce recently. Women's propensity is to create high-quality work in any field; however, if the conditions aren't prepared, progress and overhaul in work will occur, etc., so specialist societies should strive to improve these conditions. For example, maternity leave effectively obliges women and helps them achieve higher posts.

The above analysis demonstrates that the efforts of women working in the banking industry to maintain work-life harmony may significantly impact people's daily lives. When your job and family duties start to weigh you down, it may be difficult to find a balance between the two. This can lead to conflicts between your personal and professional lives. Private sector women bankers outperform their public sector counterparts in areas such as attitude toward work and desire for career advancement, while public sector women bankers excel in areas such as work data and social relationships. Experts in the banking sector in the private and public sectors of the National Capital Region (NCR) have made striking a work-life balance a priority, according to the evaluation. They also claim to perform better at their jobs when they make time for themselves and their families.

Findings of the Study

- An equal number of respondents are employed as clerks (31.67%), officers (17.33%), branch managers (19.33%), sub-staff (9%) and unique right hands (22.67%).
- Of the total respondents, 30.33 percent are between the ages of 26 and 35, 27.67 percent are between the ages of 36 and 50, and 21 percent are either younger than 25 or older than 50.
- Of those who took the survey, 67.33 percent are married and 32.6 percent are single. The ratio of married people in open industry banks was about 62%, whereas the percentage of single people was around 38%.
- Among working women in the preparation sector, 44% consider it a major obstacle, 35% disagree, and 27% say that ethics constitute a disincentive for women in banking to some extent.

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- Among working women, 46% report dealing with inconsistency in attitude from friends and family, while 54% report feeling more committed to their jobs.
- Thirty percent of working women in banks cited mental pressure as a major problem, 29 percent said their workplace is miserable, and 26 percent said sex discrimination was a major issue for working women.
- Time management is a major challenge for 82% of working women in the banking business, according to the survey, while 18% do not see it as a major problem.
- As many as 70% of working women find the banking profession to be fair, 20% find it to be wonderful, and 10% find it to be terrible.

Suggestions of the Study

The board of directors of the bank should take important steps to enhance the work-life balance of women who work for the bank if they want to see additional improvements in this area. The following areas for work-life balance adjustment are suggested by the present investigation:

- Financial institutions should stay away from factors that make women's labour more difficult, such as working during their siestas and dealing with spouses' unfavourable attitudes.
- Progress should be made to the status of the labourers in the next town. In order to prevent being demoted because of a lack of work-life balance

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