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Occupational stress and its contributing factors among young working women from nuclear families

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ABSTRACT

Occupational stress often stems from unexpected responsibilities and pressures that do not align with a person's knowledge, skills, or expectations, inhibiting one's ability to cope. Women are especially likely to experience these sources of stress, since they still carry more of the burden of childcare and domestic responsibilities than men. The double pressure of work is having an impact on the growing creed of working women while the number of nuclear families is accentuating the problem due to withdrawal of the support system. Looking at the rising number of working women and increasing amount of stress and its impact on home environment an attempt was made to assess occupational stress and its contributing factors among young working women in the age group of 25-40 years of age and belonging to nuclear families. The study was conducted with a sample of total 150 respondents, 50 each from different professional group namely, private school teachers, nurses from private hospitals and private bank employees were selected. Results showed that almost all of the respondents were found to be having medium level of occupational stress. While only 7.33 per cent were having low level of occupational stress and no respondents were having high level of occupational stress. Further it was found out that among the factors contributing to stress, time pressure gave more stress as compared to others followed by related to work factors and role conflict.