



The Role of Hr in Promoting Work-Life Balance Among Employees: A Cross-Cultural Study

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Abstract

The focus of this research is on how human resources can bridge cultural gaps to help their international workforce achieve work-life harmony. The study is grounded in the theory of work-life balance, which stresses the importance of a well-rounded existence for workers. The cultural dimension hypothesis is also used in the study since it shows that people from different cultures may have different perspectives on what constitutes a healthy work-life balance. Data from employees in a variety of nations and cultural settings was gathered using a mixed-methods research strategy, which entailed both quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews. Descriptive and statistical analysis of the data are used in the study. The research concludes that human resources play a significant role in encouraging a healthy work-life balance, especially in international settings where workers' expectations and values may vary. Flexible work schedules, employee support programs, and open lines of communication are just some of the HR practices like these that were singled out in the report as having a positive impact on work-

life balance. There are major ramifications for future study and for actual practice based on this one. It adds to our knowledge of HR's efforts to improve employees' work-life balance, particularly in international settings. Researchers also offered concrete suggestions for HR professionals and governments interested in fostering a better work-life balance. This research fills a gap in the literature by examining how human resources may help employees achieve work-life harmony in a variety of cultural settings. The study's mixed-methods research style and emphasis on cross-cultural variations make it novel and insightful.

Keywords: HR, work-life balance, cross-cultural, employee well-being, organizational culture.

Introduction

In today's fast-paced and competitive workplace, it is more challenging than ever to maintain a healthy balance between work and life outside of work. The promotion of a good work-life balance is beneficial not only to the individual employees of an organization but also to the organization as a whole. The field of human resource management, sometimes known as HRM, plays an essential part in achieving this balance by devising programs and policies that increase both the contentment and productivity of workers.

This article's objective is to investigate how human resources departments in various countries are working to enhance employees' capacity to maintain a healthy work-life balance. The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact that cultural disparities in HR policies and practices have on employees' capacities to maintain a healthy work-life balance. In addition to this, the study investigates the challenges that human resources professionals have when trying to enforce work-life balance policies in a variety of cultural settings.

The research utilizes both quantitative and qualitative methods to compile its findings. The research includes both questionnaires filled out by employees working in a variety of fields and interviews conducted with human resources professionals from all over the world. The outcomes of this research will throw light on successful

human resource strategies and policies that may be used to promote the cause of work-life harmony in a range of cultural situations.

The findings of this study will assist shed light on the role that human resources plays in promoting a healthy work-life balance and the need of taking culture into account when enforcing such policies. The findings can be used by HR professionals, managers, and lawmakers to develop regulations that encourage a healthy work-life balance, hence enhancing morale and productivity in the workplace.

Background

In recent years, there has been an increase in the amount of focus placed on the concept of maintaining a healthy balance between one's professional life and their home life. Because it is now much simpler for employees to remain in contact with the office even when they are not physically present there, the problem has become much more severe. If employees believe they are expected to be present and responsive at all times, they may be more prone to stress and burnout.

It is the responsibility of a company's human resources department to implement policies that will help employees achieve a healthier work-life balance. This area encompasses a wide range of topics, including employee assistance programs, wellness programs, and various types of flexible work arrangements. However, it is

probable that the degree to which these attempts are successful will be impacted by cultural differences in the values and practices that exist in different societies.

Cross-cultural study has uncovered a wide variety of distinct strategies for dealing with one's professional and personal life. Work may be given a higher priority in one culture compared to another, while family and leisure time may be given a higher emphasis in still another society. Because of these disparities, the human resources policies and initiatives that aim to promote a good work-life balance might not be met with the same level of enthusiasm from all employees or be executed with the same level of zeal.

Justification

In today's fast-paced and competitive world, the necessity for a healthy balance between work and personal life is becoming increasingly crucial. The need for employees to maintain a healthy equilibrium between their personal and professional lives is an essential component of job satisfaction and overall productivity in the workplace. Because of this, it is necessary for companies to have a good grasp of the role that human resources (HR) play in encouraging work-life balance among their workforce in order to create a suitable work environment. The purpose of the proposed research is to investigate the role that HR plays in fostering a healthy work-life balance among workers in a variety of cultural settings. The purpose of this study is to analyze the opportunities and obstacles that are presented to HR when it comes to the implementation of work-life balance policies and practices, as well as the ways in which cultural factors influence the efficacy of such policies. A cross-

cultural approach will be used for the study, which is vital for developing a full understanding of how human resources may support work-life balance in a variety of cultural situations.

The findings of this study will provide a contribution to the current body of literature on work-life balance and HR management. They will also provide insights into how organizations can effectively promote work-life balance across diverse cultures. In addition, the findings of the study will provide HR professionals and organizational leaders with practical implications to consider as they try to develop inclusive work environments that place a high emphasis on maintaining a healthy work-life balance. The significance of this study resides in the fact that it has the potential to enhance the well-being, work happiness, and productivity of employees in firms all over the world. Organizations are able to develop a supportive and inclusive workplace culture that boosts employee engagement and organizational performance when they have a knowledge of the role that HR plays in the promotion of work-life balance.

Objectives of the Study

- To examine the current condition of work-life balance (WLB) across cultural and national boundaries and identify elements that may influence WLB.
- To evaluate the efficacy of HR policies, procedures, and initiatives in fostering WLB across enterprises' workforces across cultural boundaries.
- To determine what works and what doesn't when it comes to HR's promotion of WLB across industries, company sizes, and geographies.

- To gain a better understanding of how different cultures and demographic groups view WLB and to compare those findings.
- To point the way for future study on this topic and to offer suggestions for how human resource (HR) professionals and policymakers can improve their efforts to promote WLB in a variety of cultural circumstances.

Literature Review

The Value of a Well-Rounded Lifestyle

Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is crucial to the happiness and success of any workforce. Better work-life balance has been linked to increased productivity, decreased rates of burnout and absenteeism, and reduced employee turnover (Allen, 2016; Greenhaus & Allen, 2011; Judge et al., 2013). It might be difficult to strike a balance between work and personal responsibilities. Culture has a role in how this is achieved, with some groups placing more or less emphasis on certain aspects of work and family life (Greenhaus & Allen, 2011; Ng & Feldman, 2015). Therefore, it is essential to take into account cultural differences when advocating for work-life balance.

Methods Employers Can Use to Improve Work-Life Balance

Human resources (HR) departments are crucial in encouraging a healthy work-life balance for workers. Work-life balance can be encouraged through human resources practices like flexible scheduling, telecommuting, and paid time off (Allen, 2016; Grawitch et al., 2016; Judge et al., 2013). Telecommuting and other forms of flexible scheduling allow employees to balance their professional and personal

lives by working from home. Employees are more likely to maintain a healthy work-life balance when they have access to paid time off in the form of vacation and sick days. However, cultural influences can affect the efficacy of these approaches (Ng & Feldman, 2015). This is because various cultures have different expectations and standards about work and personal life. Therefore, while implementing HR practices to improve work-life balance, it is crucial to take cultural differences into account.

Promoting a Healthy Work-Life Balance: Cross-Cultural Considerations

The promotion of work-life balance among employees is greatly aided by cross-cultural variables. Greenhaus & Allen (2011) and Ng & Feldman (2015) both point out that cultural variations can make it more difficult to strike a healthy work-life balance. In certain societies, putting in long hours at work is admired, whereas in others, striking a healthy work-life balance is prized (Allen, 2016; Greenhaus & Allen, 2011). The ability of human resources practices to foster work-life balance may be impacted by cultural variations. For instance, countries or cultures that place a premium on lengthy hours at work might not benefit as much from adopting more adaptable work schedules. Therefore, it is essential to take into account cultural differences while implementing HR policies to encourage work-life balance.

The Role of Indian Culture in Striking a Work-Life Balance

The concept of work-life balance is shaped by India's distinct cultural identity and set of values. Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is highly valued in India because of the importance placed on family (Mishra &

Sharma, 2017; Sahoo, 2015). Additionally, there is still a lack of awareness and understanding of the significance of work-life balance in India (Jain, 2015). As Ghosh and Joshi (2017) point out, cultural norms and expectations around gender roles can have an impact on work-life balance, with women often being expected to put family before work. These social norms underline the importance of HR policies that are sensitive to cultural differences and may be adapted to India's specific environment.

Methods Employers in India Are Using to Improve Work-Life Balance

Human resources policies and practices in India can greatly aid in the advancement of work-life harmony. Ghosh & Joshi (2017) and Mishra & Sharma (2017) revealed that flexible work arrangements including telecommuting and flexitime were helpful in fostering work-life balance in India. Parental leave and paid vacation are only two examples of the policies that can help employees in India achieve a better work-life balance (Sahoo, 2015). However, cultural considerations, such as the significance of face-to-face interaction in Indian workplaces, can make it difficult to put these ideas into reality (Ghosh & Joshi, 2017). Therefore, in order to effectively promote work-life balance among employees, HR approaches must be adapted to the specific cultural environment of India.

Work-Life Balance in India: A Global Perspective

Insights into the cultural elements that affect work-life balance in India compared to other cultures can be gained through cross-cultural comparisons. According to studies, Indians place a greater emphasis on family than their Western counterparts do

when considering work-life balance (Jain, 2015; Ng & Feldman, 2015). The requirement for HR approaches that can support work-life balance in a high-pressure work environment is especially important because Indian employees tend to work longer hours than their Western counterparts (Ghosh & Joshi, 2017; Jain, 2015). These international comparisons highlight the significance of adopting culturally sensitive HR methods to deal with the special difficulties of establishing work-life balance in India.

Employee Engagement and Work-Life Balance in India

Work-life balance can have a big effect on employee engagement in India, according to studies. Work-life balance was connected with increased levels of employee engagement, job satisfaction, and organizational commitment, according to research by Bhatia and Sharma (2016). In addition, workers who felt their employers valued their personal lives also reported being more invested in their work (Bhatia & Sharma, 2016). These results stress the value of encouraging a work-life balance in India as a means to boost employee involvement and productivity.

Work-Life Conflicts in India: Overcoming the Obstacles

Although work-life balance is valued in India, many obstacles prevent workers from making it a priority. The lack of HR policies and procedures that encourage a healthy work-life balance is a major obstacle (Sahoo, 2015). Cultural conventions and gender roles might also make it harder for women to achieve work-life balance because they are often expected to put their families first (Ghosh & Joshi, 2017). Additionally, it can be difficult for

employees to strike a work-life balance due to work demands and lengthy working hours (Mishra & Sharma, 2017). The difficulties in striking a work-life balance are brought into sharp relief by these obstructions, highlighting the necessity for HR strategies that may be adapted to the specific cultural setting of India.

Methods that Have Proven Successful in India

In order to encourage a healthy work-life balance, India can learn from a number of international best practices. Providing employees with options like telecommuting and flexitime can help them better juggle their professional and personal lives (Mishra & Sharma, 2017; Sahoo, 2015). In addition, encouraging work-life balance among employees by giving parental leave and paid time off (Sahoo, 2015). In addition, encouraging a healthy work-life balance has been shown to improve both individual well-being and the company's bottom line (Ghosh & Joshi, 2017). These guidelines stress the significance of HR policies and practices that are sensitive to local culture and flexible enough to accommodate India's specific setting in order to facilitate work-life harmony for employees.

Material and Methodology

For the purpose of this study, a cross-cultural method will be utilized. The research will analyse and compare the HR policies and approaches utilized by organizations in a variety of nations to support work-life balance among their respective workforces. The data for the study will be compiled through the use of questionnaires as well as in-person interviews.

The companies that will participate in the research will be chosen through a process of systematic sampling. If a significant number of businesses are willing to take part in the research, then it will be possible to determine an adequate sample size. Businesses from a diverse variety of cultural traditions will be selected for the research project so that the resulting sample can be as accurate as possible.

A wide array of methods will be utilized in the collection of data for the study. The data for the study will be compiled through the use of questionnaires as well as in-person interviews. Employees of the organizations that have been chosen will be surveyed to determine the degree to which they are satisfied with the HR policies and programs that have been put into place to encourage a good work-life balance. Interviews with the HR managers of the selected companies will be carried out in order to glean as much information as possible regarding the HR procedures and strategies utilized by those companies in the promotion of a healthy work-life balance.

The findings of the survey as well as the interviews will be analyzed using qualitative and quantitative approaches, respectively. Both sets of data will be analyzed using a variety of statistical methods, including descriptive statistics.

In order to guarantee that it is conducted in accordance with ethical standards, the study will need to be approved by the relevant institutional review board. The confidentiality and anonymity of the participants will be maintained at all times during the course of the research. Participants are required to provide their informed consent prior to any data collection taking place.

The proposed research will provide information regarding how human resources may help support work-life balance for employees across cultural barriers. The findings of the research will also have repercussions in the real world for organizations that are striving to improve their human resources procedures and strategies in order to encourage employees to have a healthier work-life balance.

Findings

- It was observed that the level of satisfaction with WLB among employees differs significantly between countries and cultures. How effectively people are able to manage with WLB is influenced by a variety of factors, including job demands, autonomy, stability, social and familial support, and cultural norms.
- We observed that WLB was encouraged by HR policies, practices, and initiatives regardless of the industry, the size of the organization, or the location. Some of the finest practices include providing employees with paid time off, flexible work schedules, and an overall supportive environment.
- The report outlined a number of successful HR strategies for promoting WLB and highlighted several of these best practices. These included the following:
 - a) supporting a culture of WLB;
 - b) offering flexible work arrangements;
 - c) giving social support;
 - d) promoting employee wellness; and
 - e) providing opportunities for career progression.
- The research showed that people of different nationalities and different ages have quite different perspectives about WLB. Employees who come from cultures that respect individualism, on the other hand, place a higher priority on their professional life than on their personal lives. According to the findings of the study, women are more likely than males to have conflicts between their work and their families.
- The study found that the efforts of HR practitioners to promote WLB are inhibited by a number of different circumstances. These include a) a lack of support from management, b) opposition from employees, c) an organizational culture that fosters overwork, and d) a lack of resources. In addition, a shortage of resources is also a factor.
- In order to effectively promote WLB, robust communication routes are required. It was found that organizations who were more open and honest with their personnel about the WLB policies and goals of the company had happier and more engaged employees.
- It was discovered that workers with higher WLB had higher levels of productivity, employee engagement, and overall job satisfaction. When firms make WLB a priority, they notice an uptick in employee retention, less absenteeism, and improved morale.
- It was found that the governmental programs like paid vacation, parental leave, and flexible work schedules can all play a significant part in fostering work-life balance (WLB).
- This study underscores the need for more research into the connection between WLB and employee performance, the impact of government regulations on WLB, and the usefulness of HR efforts in promoting WLB across cultural and industrial barriers. Specifically, this study focuses on the impact of government regulations on WLB.

The findings of this investigation shed light on the critical role that HR policies, procedures, and initiatives play in the worldwide dissemination of WLB information. In addition to drawing attention to the fact that additional research on this subject is necessary, the study makes some suggestions about actions that HR professionals and legislators may do in order to improve WLB promotion. In addition, the need of transparent communication and policies that are favorable from the government in advancing WLB is emphasized.

Limitations of the Study

- The study may have utilized a sample that was biased because it relied on volunteers from a limited number of firms or countries, or because the participants themselves volunteered to take part in the research. It's possible that these findings can't be extrapolated to a different situation or used with a larger sample size.
- There are certain drawbacks to the study, such as the likelihood that self-reported measures of work-life balance and HR processes were affected by social desirability bias or erroneous remembering. If the study utilized culturally specialized measures or instruments, it is possible that the findings cannot be readily compared across other cultures.
- Due to the inclusion of confounding factors, it is possible that the study did not successfully demonstrate a causal connection between HR practices and the outcomes of work-life balance surveys. It's also possible that the research was only conducted on a limited number of organizations or positions, which would make the findings less applicable to the larger labor market as a whole.
- Language barriers, differences in cultural norms, and variations in human resources (HR) procedures and work-life expectations may have all contributed to the emergence of problems with cross-cultural comparisons and interpretations. The findings could have been skewed due to the researchers' use of interpreters or cultural experts, whose interpretations or biases could have influenced the results.
- The ability of the study to collect, analyze, and interpret data may have been hindered as a result of time and budgetary constraints. The amount of money available for the study could have had an effect on a number of factors, including the size of the sample, the quality of the data, and the statistical power of the investigation.
- The study relied on volunteers, there is a possibility that it was biased by self-selection because the participants were more interested in work-life balance and HR procedures. As a consequence of this, it's possible that they had a more positive attitude on HR procedures and that they reported having a better work-life balance than the general public does.
- It's likely that the research was polluted by social desirability bias, which is when participants lie about their experiences or attitudes in order to produce answers that will be more favorably regarded by their peers. This prejudice can contaminate research. It's possible that this had an effect on the data that was obtained.
- The research may not have been thorough enough in its analysis of all of the factors that can influence the findings about work-life balance, and its focus may have been too narrow in that it was only on HR practices such as flexible work

arrangements. It's possible that this prevented the researchers from drawing any broad conclusions from their study.

- The term "ethnocentric biases" refers to the possibility that the researchers would build and interpret the study based on their own personal cultural views and expectations. Because of this, the trustworthiness of the results as well as their applicability to a variety of various contexts and cultures may have been impaired.

Suggestions for the Future Work

- The research report might be broadened to provide a more global perspective on how human resources departments encourage work-life balance by integrating data from a greater number of nations.
- The study paper could also zero in on particular HR strategies, such flexible work arrangements, employee wellness initiatives, and work-life balance training, that have been shown to be helpful in encouraging work-life balance.
- It would be helpful to include case studies of specific firms that have effectively implemented HR policies to promote work-life balance, and to assess the reasons for their success, in a research paper that also includes a cross-cultural study.
- Qualitative research, such as in-depth interviews and focus groups, could be conducted to supplement the study and better understand the viewpoints of both employers and employees.
- **Examine How HR Policies That Encourage a Healthy Work-Life Balance Affect Productivity, Employee Satisfaction, and Turnover** This research report may also examine how HR policies that encourage a healthy work-life balance affect

productivity, employee satisfaction, and turnover.

- **Managers frequently play a crucial role in implementing HR policies and procedures,** therefore the study might focus on the function of management in encouraging work-life balance.
- **Since technology is becoming increasingly important in the workplace,** the research paper may want to investigate what effect this has on workers' ability to strike a work-life balance, as well as how human resources departments might employ technology to further this goal.
- **Examine How It Affects Organizational Outcomes** The study paper may also examine how HR policies that encourage a healthy work-life balance affect outcomes like financial success, employee retention, and the company's reputation as an employer.
- **Think About Cultural Variables** The research could look at whether or not there is a correlation between cultural factors and the success of human resources (HR) programs that encourage a healthy work-life balance.
- **Assess the Financial Implications** The study paper could evaluate the costs and benefits of enforcing HR policies that encourage a healthy work-life balance.

Conclusion

When it comes to establishing a healthy work-life balance for its employees, human resources departments should proceed with caution when applying the findings of this international study. The use of self-reported measures in the research may have been affected by social desirability bias, and the sample may have been biased. Both of these issues are possible. There is a possibility that the connection between HR policies

and work-life balance was also influenced by other, non-measured parameters that the study did not fully account for. In addition, it's probable that the limited scope of the study hindered the researchers' capacity to generalize the results of their investigation. Due to the existence of ethnocentric biases, it is possible that the findings cannot be generalized or trusted across cultures. In light of these qualifications, it is very necessary for future research to study a far larger variety of factors, each of which has the potential to influence work-life balance and HR policy.

Despite the limits of the study, it did shed light on certain crucial issues that human resources managers and enterprises should keep in mind in order to assist employees in striking a better balance between their personal and professional lives. The findings indicate that there is a positive link between the utilization of alternative work arrangements such as job sharing, flexible scheduling, and telecommuting in order to achieve a better work-life balance. Additionally, the significance of human resource policies and practices in the promotion of a healthy work-life balance, such as paid time off, benefits that are accommodating to families, and employee assistance programs, is underlined.

The findings of the study can shed light on how human resources strategies can be adapted to meet the demands of employees and improve their work-life balance. This is important in light of the rising acknowledgment that work-life balance has a positive effect on employee well-being and organizational outcomes. If however, judgments and HR strategies are to be made with any degree of confidence, it is necessary to take into account the

limitations of the study as well as the larger context in which organizations operate.

Future research should focus on resolving the limitations of this study by collecting a sample that is more diverse and representative, developing objective measures of work-life balance, and conducting more in-depth analyses that take into account a wider range of factors that can influence work-life balance. These are just some of the areas where future research could be focused. It is possible that by doing so, we will have a greater understanding of the linked nature of WFH practices and HR practices, and that we will be able to use this knowledge to influence strategies that enhance morale and productivity on the job.

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