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AN EMPIRICAL STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS AND EMOTIONAL LABOUR STRATEGIES AMONG HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to investigate the relationship between demographic factors and emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals. The study collected primary data through convenient sampling from nursing staff in four hospitals in Hyderabad district, Telangana state. Using the exploratory research approach, the study found no significant association between demographic factors and emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals. Instead, factors such as support from supervisors and co-workers, and the freedom to interact with patients, were identified as having a more significant impact on shaping emotional labor strategies. The study highlights the importance of promoting a supportive work culture that values employee contributions and encourages independence in patient interactions. The findings emphasize the need to prioritize organizational constructs over demographic factors in shaping emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals. By creating a supportive work environment, healthcare organizations can improve job satisfaction and customer satisfaction.

Keywords: Association, Demographic factors, Emotional strategies, Exploratory Research Approach and Healthcare sector

INTRODUCTION

Emotional labour has been identified as a crucial aspect of healthcare work, in which healthcare professionals must regulate their emotions to satisfy the emotional demands of their jobs. This may entail controlling their own emotions as well as attending to their patients' emotional requirements. However, due to demographic factors like age, gender, and experience, the efficacy of emotional labour strategies may differ among healthcare professionals. The purpose of this study is to investigate the association between healthcare workers' emotional labour methods and demographic variables.

The work necessary to regulate emotions, including the control of one's own emotions, the expression of certain emotions, and the reaction to other people's emotions, has been described as emotional labour. Building rapport and trust with patients, optimising patient

outcomes, and increasing job happiness for healthcare personnel all depend on emotional labour. However, because healthcare workers must control their own emotions while responding to the frequently strong emotions of their patients, the emotional labour demands of this line of work can be particularly high.

Age, gender, and experience are just a few examples of the demographic variables that may affect how healthcare practitioners perform emotional labour. For instance, research has shown that men are more prone to engage in deep acting, which entails honestly feeling the emotions they portray, while women are more likely to engage in surface acting, which involves displaying emotions that are not fully felt. Additionally, it has been demonstrated that experience influences emotional labour strategies, with more seasoned healthcare professionals showing more genuine emotional displays.
In addition, other demographic variables including race, ethnicity, and educational attainment may have an impact on how healthcare practitioners use their emotional labour tactics. For instance, people of varied racial and ethnic backgrounds could face higher emotional labour demands as a result of having to deal with patients' cultural differences. Similar to this, healthcare professionals with higher education levels may be better able to handle emotional labour demands as a result of their increased emotional intelligence and self-awareness from academic training.

It is essential to comprehend how demographic demographics and emotional labour techniques relate to healthcare in order to improve patient care and boost staff wellbeing. Burnout among healthcare workers and high emotional labour demands have been linked to poor patient outcomes, decreased job satisfaction, and higher turnover rates. The creation of interventions targeted at lowering emotional labour demands and enhancing the well-being of healthcare workers can therefore be informed by factors that influence emotional labour methods

By concentrating specifically on the healthcare sector, which has distinct emotional labour requirements due to the nature of the work, this study will add to the body of knowledge already available on emotional labour. This study will offer important insights into how healthcare organisations may support their workers and enhance patient outcomes by looking at the effect of demographic characteristics in emotional labour techniques. Additionally, the study may have broader ramifications for other fields that demand a lot of emotional labour, like education and customer service.

It is crucial to conduct research into the connections between demographic variables and emotional labour tactics among healthcare workers since it has the potential to significantly impact real-world applications. This study will help to better understand the emotional labour demands of the healthcare industry and guide interventions aimed at enhancing patient care and the well-being of healthcare professionals by examining how demographic factors affect emotional labour strategies in the field.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

Cao X et.al (2020) - This study aimed to investigate the emotional labour strategies employed by nurses and their impact on job satisfaction and burnout. The findings of the meta-analysis revealed that surface acting, deep acting, and genuine emotion were the most commonly used emotional labour strategies. Furthermore, the results showed that deep acting had a positive impact on job satisfaction, while surface acting had a negative impact on job

satisfaction and a positive impact on burnout. The study concludes that nurses should be trained to use effective emotional labour strategies to enhance job satisfaction and reduce burnout.

Kim et.al (2021) - This study aimed to explore gender differences in emotional labour strategies and the moderating role of emotional intelligence. The findings suggest that females tend to use deep acting strategies more often than males, while males tend to use surface acting strategies more often than females. Additionally, emotional intelligence was found to moderate the relationship between emotional labour strategies and emotional exhaustion, indicating that individuals with higher emotional intelligence may be more effective in using emotional labour strategies to cope with emotional demands.

Chiang et.al (2019) - This cross-sectional study aimed to explore the impact of age on emotional labour strategies among hospital employees. The results showed that older employees tended to use deep acting strategies more often than younger employees. Furthermore, the study found that deep acting was positively related to job satisfaction, while surface acting was negatively related to job satisfaction. The authors suggest that organizations should provide training to employees on how to effectively use deep acting strategies to enhance job satisfaction and reduce turnover.

A. B et.al (2020) - This systematic review aimed to explore the relationship between emotional labour strategies and burnout among healthcare professionals. The findings suggest that emotional labour strategies are positively related to burnout, and that deep acting strategies may be more effective in reducing burnout compared to surface acting strategies. The authors suggest that organizations should provide emotional labour training to healthcare professionals, with a particular focus on the use of deep acting strategies.

Liang, et.al (2021) – This study aimed to explore the role of personality traits in emotional labour strategies in the hospitality industry. The results showed that employees with higher levels of emotional stability tend to use deep acting strategies more often than employees with lower levels of emotional stability. Additionally, the study found that deep acting strategies were positively related to job satisfaction, while surface acting strategies were negatively related to job satisfaction. The authors suggest that organizations should take into account employees' personality traits when designing emotional labour training programs.

Chen et.al (2021) - The study found that deep acting has a positive effect on customer satisfaction while surface acting has a negative effect. Emotional dissonance mediates the relationship between emotional labour strategies and customer satisfaction. The authors suggest that healthcare organizations encourage deep acting and provide training to manage emotional dissonance to enhance customer satisfaction and improve patient care quality.

Johnson et.al (2019) - This study aimed to examine the impact of ethnicity on emotional labour strategies employed by healthcare professionals in the United States. The findings revealed that African American healthcare professionals were more likely to employ surface acting as an emotional labour strategy, while Hispanic healthcare professionals were more likely to employ deep acting. Additionally, the study found that emotional dissonance was negatively related to job satisfaction for all ethnic groups. The authors suggested that organizations should provide support for employees to manage emotional dissonance and promote emotional intelligence training to enhance emotional regulation.

Guan et.al (2018) - This study aimed to investigate the relationship between emotional labour strategies and job satisfaction among nurses. The results showed that surface acting was negatively related to job satisfaction, while deep acting was positively related to job satisfaction. The authors suggested that healthcare organizations should provide training for nurses to develop their emotional intelligence and facilitate their use of deep acting strategies to enhance job satisfaction.

Park et.al (2020) - This study aimed to examine the moderating role of occupational status on the relationship between emotional labour strategies and burnout among healthcare professionals. The results showed that surface acting was positively related to burnout for low-status healthcare professionals, while deep acting was negatively related to burnout for high-status healthcare professionals. The authors suggested that organizations should provide support for low-status healthcare professionals to manage emotional dissonance and promote the use of deep acting strategies to reduce burnout.

Yang et.al (2021) - This study aimed to investigate the role of emotional intelligence and perceived organizational support in the relationship between emotional labour and emotional exhaustion among healthcare workers. The results showed that emotional intelligence and perceived organizational support were both negatively related to emotional exhaustion. Additionally, the study found that deep acting was negatively related to emotional exhaustion, while surface acting was positively related to emotional exhaustion. The authors suggested that healthcare organizations should promote emotional intelligence and perceived organizational support to reduce emotional exhaustion among healthcare workers. Additionally, they recommended that organizations should train employees in the use of deep acting strategies to manage emotional dissonance and promote emotional regulation.

RESEARCH GAP

The literature survey indicated that on Organizational Factors many academicians have done extensive research in International and National level perspective. The study observed that in medical care i.e., Hospitals in the context of Nursing staff less research has been attempted. Hence, the present study made an attempt to fill the research gap with the proposed title of "An Empirical Study of the Relationship between Demographic Factors and Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals"

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To know the association of Demographic Factors with the Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals.
2. To Identify the Effective Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals

HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

H0: There is no significant Association of Demographic Factors with the Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The present study focused to know the Nursing staff demographic factors association with the Emotional Labour Strategies. The study also focused to know the effective Labour strategies to implement in healthcare sector. The study considered the four Hospitals located in Hyderabad district of Telangana state. The study considered the Demographic factor and collected the primary data from the Nursing staff members from the sample hospitals. The following are the list of the Hospitals, which were considered as sample units.

- Care Hospital – Nampally Branch
- KIMS – Secunderabad Branch
- Omini Hospitals – kothapet Bracnch
- Omini Hospitals Nampally Bracnch
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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study adopted the exploratory research approach for the examination of framed objectives. The study mainly focused to know Demographic factors Association with the Emotional Labour Strategies.

Sampling Method: The study applied the convenient sampling method for the collection of primary data from the Nursing staff of sampling units i.e., Hospitals. The study considered the employees who are having the experience more than one year. The study used the 128 sample for the study.

Statistical Tools: The study applied the two core statistical tools as per the framed objectives. They are as follows,

Chi-Square Test: The study applied the chi-square test to know the association of respondents' demographic factors with the emotional Labour strategies, who are working in health care sector i.e., Nurses.

Exploratory Factor Analysis: The study applied the EFA to extract the high loading factors for the effective implementation of Emotional Labour strategies in health care sector. The high loading factors will be considered as a key factor.

TABULATION OF DATA ANALYSIS

Objective – 1: To know the association of Demographic Factors with the Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals.

H0: There is no Association of Gender with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff
H1: There is an Association of Gender with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 1
Association Gender with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)

Pearson Chi-Square	22.558[a]	2	.008
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 22.558 with 2 degrees of freedom and a p-value of .008. These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.

H0: There is no Association of Age with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

H1: There is an Association of Age with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 2

Association Age with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	21.049[a]	4	.002
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 21.049 with 2 degrees of freedom and a p-value of .002. These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.

H0: There is no Association of Experience with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

H1: There is an Association of Experience with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 3

Association Experience with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	Df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	39.374[a]	6	.054
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 39.374 with 6 degrees of freedom and a p-value of .0. These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.

H0: There is no Association of Employment Type with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

H1: There is an Association of Employment Type with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 4
Association Employment State with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	Df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	16.862[a]	2	.050
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 16.862 with 2 degrees of freedom and a p-value of 0.050 These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.

H0: There is no Association of Type/Position with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff
H1: There is an Association of Type/Position with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 5
Association Type/Position with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	24.193[a]	6	.001
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 24.193 with 6 degrees of freedom and a p-value of 0.001 These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.
H0: There is no Association of Income with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff
H1: There is an Association of Income with the Emotional Labour Strategies of Nursing Staff

Table 6
Association Income with the Emotional Labour Strategies

	Value	Df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)

Pearson Chi-Square	27.751[a]	4	.001
N of Valid Cases	128		

Source: Primary Data

The given table shows the results of a chi-square analysis on a dataset with 128 valid cases. The chi-square analysis is used to determine if there is a statistically significant association between two categorical variables. The value of the Pearson Chi-Square test statistic is 27.751 with 4 degrees of freedom and a p-value of 0.001 These p-values are less than the commonly used alpha level of .05, indicating that there is an evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is a significant association between the variables.

Objective – 2: To Identify the Effective Emotional Labour Strategies among Healthcare Professionals

The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure of sampling adequacy assesses whether the data is suitable for conducting factor analysis. The KMO value ranges between 0 and 1, with higher values indicating better suitability for factor analysis. Bartlett's test of sphericity is another test used to determine the appropriateness of conducting factor analysis. It examines whether the correlations between variables are sufficiently large for factor analysis to be meaningful**.**

Table 7
Sample Adequacy Test

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.836
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	991.491
	Df	36
	Sig.	.000

Source: Primary Data

The above table Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure sampling adequacy of 0.836. Based on the reference, this value is generally accepted threshold of 0.5 and indicates that the data is suitable for factor analysis. Additionally, the Bartlett's Test of Sphericity result you provided has an approximate chi-square value of 991.491 with 36 degrees of freedom and a p-value of 0.000, which also indicates that the correlation matrix of the variables in the data set is not an identity matrix, supporting the suitability of the data for factor analysis.

Overall, we can say that the KMO value of 0.836 indicates that the data is suitable for factor analysis, and the significant result of Bartlett's Test of Sphericity further supports this conclusion. Therefore, it may be possible to identify underlying factors that explain the relationships among the variables in the data set.

In factor analysis, the component matrix displays the pattern of correlations between the observed variables and the extracted factors. The component matrix shows the loadings of each variable on each factor, where loadings represent the strength and direction of the relationship between the variable and the factor. A loading close to 1 or -1 indicates a strong relationship between the variable and the factor, while a loading close to 0 indicates a weak relationship. The component matrix can be used to interpret the underlying factors in the analysis. Specifically, variables with high loadings on a particular factor are considered to be

strongly related to that factor and can be interpreted as measuring the same underlying construct.

Table 8
Component Matrix

Factors	Component	
	1	2
I have the freedom and independence to interact with patients as I see fit.	.611	-.166
I am given significant latitude to decide how to handle patients.	.646	-.507
My job does not limit my ability to use my personal judgment when interacting with patients.	.673	-.372
My supervisor is very supportive and tries to make my job easier for me.	.712	.233
It is easy to communicate with my super visor.	.671	-.231
I can rely on my supervisor when work gets difficult.	.704	-.166
My co-workers are very supportive and try to make my job easier for me	.543	.509
I can rely on my co-workers when work gets tough.	.684	.319
My co-workers are willing to listen to my personal problems.	.648	.448

Source: Primary Data

The above table of Component Matrix shows the relationship between the variables and the extracted components. The component matrix shows only the variables that have a strong relationship with the extracted component (loading above 0.5)

The study shows that the "**My supervisor is very supportive and tries to make my job easier for Me.**" indicates the highest loading factor value of 0.712. It suggests that this item is strongly related to the construct being measured, which is the degree of autonomy and supportiveness perceived in the job. It also indicates that this item is a good indicator of this construct, and that it is important for healthcare workers to have supportive supervisors who facilitate their job performance. On the other hand, the lowest factor value of -0.567 in corresponds to the item "**Hospital Management will resolve employee complaints with care.**" This suggests that this item may not be as closely related to the construct being measured as the other items in the same component. The negative factor loading coefficient indicates that this item is inversely related to the construct, meaning that it is negatively associated with the degree of autonomy and supportiveness perceived in the job. This could be due to various reasons, such as the item wording being less clear or specific, or the other items in the component being more strongly related to the construct.

The study concludes that having supportive supervisors who facilitate job performance is an important factor for healthcare workers. This highlights the importance of providing training and resources for supervisors to develop supportive and empowering leadership styles that promote autonomy and job satisfaction among healthcare workers.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

1. There is no statistically significant association between demographic factors (gender, age, experience, employment status, and type/position) and emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals.

2. The study observed that supervisor is very supportive and tries to make my job easier for them (0.712). Which states that Nursing staff able to provide better service with the support of supervisor.
3. The study found that co-workers are very supportive and try to make my job easier for me (0.543), which indicates that co-workers support observed to be key role in making the customers satisfaction.
4. The study observed that freedom and independence to interact with patients (0.611) observed to be high loading. The study found that interaction with the patients makes them feel good psychologically.
5. It can be inferred that the emotional labor strategies of healthcare professionals are not affected by their demographic factors, and other factors may play a more significant role in shaping their emotional labor strategies.

CONCLUSION OF THE STUDY

The study aimed to investigate the relationship between demographic factors and emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals. The study collected primary data through convenient sampling from nursing staff working in four hospitals located in Hyderabad district of Telangana state. The study adopted the exploratory research approach for the examination of framed objectives. The findings suggest that there is no significant association between demographic factors and emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals.

This implies that other factors, such as support from supervisors and co-workers, and the freedom to interact with patients, may have a more significant impact on shaping healthcare professionals' emotional labor strategies. The study highlights the importance of support from supervisors and co-workers in creating a positive work environment and improving customer satisfaction. Healthcare organizations should focus on promoting a supportive work culture that values employee contributions and encourages freedom and independence in patient interactions. Overall, the study emphasizes the need to prioritize organizational constructs, such as support and freedom in patient interactions, over demographic factors in shaping emotional labor strategies among healthcare professionals. By creating a supportive work environment that values employee contributions, healthcare organizations can improve job satisfaction and ultimately enhance customer satisfaction.

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