

# Impact on Work Life Balance on Employee Performance During the COVID 19 Outbreak: A Case of IT Sector, Sri Lanka.

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#### ABSTRACT

In the corporate world today, every organization are facing many challenges where organizations are forces to develop strategies and goals to survive in their place as a stable organization. It is with the support of the work delivered from employees and the success of these strategies which support and strengthen the organization to sustain in the business world.

As we evaluate the business context today, human resource can be considered as the most vital resource to any sort of businesses. Specially, the Information Technology (IT) Industry of Sri Lanka is considered to be one of the main streams of businesses that rely on their employees in order to be successful and productive. Organizations and establishments are currently experiencing a large number of changes in demand for the products and services that they supply as a result of the current economic environment, and they are under pressure to enhance performance in order to meet organizational goals and objectives. This has increased the need for organizations to assess their processes, organizational mission and goals, performance targets, and performance measurements, in addition to improving the way they deliver services.

Presently, Work-life Balance has become fair concepts in many organizations where the management focuses more on the employee's work and life balance aspects. It is quite evident that when employees have a balance between work and life, it can gain a healthy, happy and successful life in long term. And also, the individuals who concern about an upright quality of work balance will ultimately lead an upright quality of life.

Balance of work and life activities characterized as the degree to which people are similarly occupied and happy with their both work and family and it is also proposed that work-life can be taken as a worldwide evaluation. Consequently, family requests come through work assets just as work requests come through family assets and the cooperation is viable in the two fields. Individuals who ought to have a capacity to adjust among work and family responsibilities is to look for harmony between work and life activities, just as other non-work obligations and exercises. Thus, balance of work and life activities alludes to the adaptable working plans that permit the two guardians and non-guardians to profit of working courses of action that give a harmony between work obligations and individual duties.

Organizations who support in the work environment, advances to expand the degree of harmony between work-life activities through offering adaptable plan for getting work done which empowers representatives to achieve work. Therefore, work environment support has been demonstrated to be pivotal logical assets that can assist representatives with getting the things done that they esteem, including more prominent harmony between work and life activities.

The current pandemic situation, the Coronavirus has massively impacted the business and organization all across the world shifting work from office to work from home (WFH). Therefore, the normal routine of workers has changed entirely, rephrasing it as the "new normal" where the office setup has changed and people are forced to WFH. Simply the Work Life Balance (WLB) can be defined as finding the right amount of taste between the life and work, and also feeling happy, healthy and comfortable with both work and family obligations. In this set up employees try to find the balance in paid and unpaid work plus personal time. But off course the technology has made it easier for the people to WFH without lacking absence.

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#### List of Abbreviations

ANOVA - Analysis of Variance HRM - Human Resource Management HR - Human Resource IT - Information Technology MLR – Multiple Linier Regression SPSS - Statistical Package for Social Sciences WLB - Work-life Balance WFH - Work from Home