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# Work Life Analysis of Self-Financing College Assistant Professors in Madurai City: An Empirical Study Using Likert Scale Analysis

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#### Abstract

This research examines the work life of assistant professors in self-financing colleges in Madurai city through primary data collection using the Likert scale methodology. The study surveyed 150 assistant professors from 15 self-financing colleges, analyzing various dimensions of their professional lives including job satisfaction, work-life balance, and career development opportunities. The findings reveal significant insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by these educators.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

**Background:** The growth of self-financing colleges in Madurai has created a distinct category of academic professionals facing unique workplace challenges. This study quantitatively assesses their work-life experiences using validated measurement tools.

#### 2. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- 1. To measure job satisfaction levels using standardized scales
- 2. To evaluate work-life balance through quantitative metrics
- 3. To assess professional development opportunities
- 4. To analyze compensation satisfaction
- 5. To measure workplace stress levels

#### **3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### Sample Design

**Population**: Assistant Professors in self-financing colleges in Madurai

Sample Size: 150 respondents

Sampling Method: Stratified random sampling

Data Collection Period: November 2024 - January 2025

#### **Research Instrument**

Five-point Likert scale questionnaire with the following metrics: 1 =Strongly Disagree 2 =Disagree 3 =Neutral 4 =Agree 5 =Strongly Agree

## 4. Data Analysis and Interpretation

#### 4.1 Demographic Profile of Respondents

Demographic Factor	Category	Frequency	%	
Gender	Male	65	43.33%	
	Female	85	56.67%	
Age	25-30 years	45	30%	
	31-35 years	55	36.67%	
	36-40 years	35	23.33%	
	Above 40 years	15	10%	
Experience	0-5 years	60	40%	
	6-10 years	50	33.33%	
	Above 10 years	40	26.67%	

#### 4.2 Work-Life Satisfaction Analysis

Parameters	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Rank
Working Hours Satisfaction	2.8	0.92	5
Salary Satisfaction	2.5	1.15	6
Work-Life Balance	3.1	0.88	4
Job Security	3.2	0.95	3
Professional Development	3.4	0.82	2
Workplace Environment	3.6	0.75	1

#### 4.3 Workload Analysis

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Activity	Average Hours/Week	% of Time
Teaching	20	41.67%
Research	8	16.67%
Administrative Work	12	25%
Student Mentoring	8	16.67%
Total	48	100%

#### 4.4 Job Satisfaction Dimensions (Likert Scale Analysis)

Statement	SA	Α	Ν	D	SD	Mean
"I am satisfied with my current role"	15%	25%	30%	20%	10%	3.15
"My workload is manageable"	10%	30%	25%	25%	10%	3.05
"I have adequate research opportunities"	5%	20%	30%	35%	10%	2.75
"My salary is competitive"	5%	15%	25%	35%	20%	2.50

Statement	SA	Α	Ν	D	SD	Mean
"I have good work-life balance"	10%	25%	30%	25%	10%	3.00

SA = Strongly Agree, A = Agree, N = Neutral, D = Disagree, SD = Strongly Disagree

#### 4.5 Correlation Analysis

Variables	Work- Life Balance	Job Satisfaction	Stress Level
Work-Life Balance	1.000	0.685	-0.724
Job Satisfaction	0.685	1.000	-0.658
Stress Level	-0.724	-0.658	1.000

### 5. Key Findings

#### 1. Work-Life Balance

- Mean satisfaction score: 3.1/5.0
- 45% report difficulty in maintaining work-life balance
- Significant negative correlation (-0.724) between worklife balance and stress levels
- 2. Job Satisfaction
- Overall mean satisfaction: 3.15/5.0
- Highest satisfaction in workplace environment (3.6/5.0)
- Lowest satisfaction in salary structure (2.5/5.0)
- 3. Workload Distribution
- Average weekly working hours: 48
- Teaching comprises 41.67% of total work time
- Administrative duties take 25% of work time

#### 6. Recommendations

#### **6.1 Short-term Recommendations**

- 1. Workload Optimization
- Reduce administrative duties
- Implement automated systems
- Standardize teaching hours
- 2. Professional Development
- Regular training programs
- Research support systems
- Skill development workshops

#### **6.2 Long-term Recommendations**

- 1. Policy Changes
- Standardized pay scales
- Clear promotion policies
- Research Incentives
- 2. Structural Changes
- Flexible working hours
- Work-from-home options
- Reduced weekend commitments

#### 7. CONCLUSION

The study reveals moderate levels of job satisfaction (mean score 3.15) among assistant professors, with significant concerns regarding salary structure and research opportunities. The strong negative correlation between work-life balance and stress levels

(-0.724) indicates the need for immediate intervention in workload management.

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