

Impact of Hybrid Working Models on Employee Productivity and Performance in the IT Sector

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ABSTRACT

This research paper explores the potential impact of hybrid working models on employee productivity and performance in the IT industry. This study is focused on workers from the selected IT firms who have adopted hybrid working practices. The Framework questionnaire consists of several sections such as Organizational Factors, Employee-Related Factors, Technology and Infrastructure, Collaboration and Innovation, Leadership, Employee Well-being, and Environmental and Social Impact. A structured questionnaire was used to gather primary data from 143 respondents who are employed in hybrid IT environment using Google Forms. According to the regression analysis, the physical working environment has a significant positive effect on employee productivity ($B = 0.460$, $\beta = 0.451$, $p = 0.000$) which accounts for 20.4% of the variance in employee productivity ($R^2 = 0.204$). Pearson correlation showed that there were also a number of significant positive correlations between the factors of hybrid working. The results reveal a correlation between supportive physical conditions, effective organizational, technological, and collaborative practices, and enhanced employee productivity. The research offers valuable suggestions to organisations and HR managers on how to create efficient hybrid work strategies to improve employee productivity and organisational performance in the IT industry.

Keywords: *hybrid work, productivity, organizational performance*

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INTRODUCTION

The modern work environment has undergone a dramatic transformation, most notably through the widespread adoption of the hybrid work model. Accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, this strategic blend of remote and on-site working has become deeply entrenched in the Information Technology (IT) sector, where robust digital infrastructure seamlessly enables geographical flexibility. For IT professionals, hybrid arrangements offer the flexibility required to optimize work-life balance. Simultaneously, organizations leverage this model to boost employee satisfaction, reduce operational overhead, and ensure business continuity. Given its knowledge-based and technology-centric nature, the IT industry is uniquely positioned to maximize these benefits.

However, organizational success relies heavily on two critical metrics: productivity (efficiency of goal achievement) and performance (quality of output). While hybrid working can enhance these dimensions by eliminating commute-related stress and offering flexible conditions, it also introduces potential pitfalls like communication barriers, professional isolation, and technological disruptions. Ultimately, the success of a hybrid workforce depends on robust organizational

support, proactive leadership, seamless digital tools, and employee adaptability. Firms providing strong technological infrastructure and accommodating policies are better equipped to foster a thriving collaborative culture.

Therefore, this study explores the direct impact of the hybrid working model on employee productivity and performance within the IT industry. By examining the core factors that shape job effectiveness, this research aims to provide actionable insights for optimally implementing hybrid strategies to elevate both individual efficiency and overall organizational performance.

NEED FOR THE STUDY

In the post-pandemic world of business, the hybrid working model has proven to be fundamental and indispensable to business operations, particularly in IT, where flexibility, digital collaboration, and continuity are paramount. To help employees feel better and keep business running efficiently, many IT companies have embraced Hybrid work. While organizations keep on investing in hybrid systems, it is essential to learn about their work arrangements and the impact on employee productivity and overall performance.

Productivity of staff is a key concern in a hybrid working environment. Flexible

working conditions can help to motivate workers, alleviate commuting stress and improve work-life balance, but may also present communication, supervision, collaboration and time management issues. Given the importance of teamwork, innovation, and timely completion of projects in the IT sector, it is important to understand how hybrid working affects employee performance, which is essential for the creation of effective HR policies and work strategies.

The value of this study is that many organisations are still developing their hybrid work policies and practices. The results will be of interest to managers and HR specialists to help them identify the pros and cons of hybrid working models, and to grasp how technological support, organizational culture, communication, and leadership can enhance employee productivity. Furthermore, this study builds upon previous research by investigating the effects of hybrid work on employees' efficiency and organizational performance over time in the IT sector.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The hybrid working models have revolutionized the work culture in the IT sector by letting the employees to work both from home and the workplace. A major advantage of hybrid working is that it allows people to switch from working in the office to working from home. Another benefit is that it saves time by reducing commuting and improves work-life balance. However, there are also difficulties concerning communication and collaboration, employee engagement, supervision and performance assessment. Some workers become more productive and happier, while others are distracted, encounter technology problems and lose out on team coordination. There is still some uncertainty regarding the productivity and performance impact of hybrid work for organizations and managers. Technological infrastructure, leadership support, digital communication and organizational culture are all a big influence on employee effectiveness in a hybrid environment. Hence, the present research is designed to explore the effect of hybrid working model on productivity and performance of employees working in IT industry as well as factors that facilitate or obstruct the success of hybrid working practices.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To analyze the level of employee productivity under the hybrid working model.
- To examine the impact of the hybrid working model on employee productivity and performance in the IT industry.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The aim of the present study is to investigate the effect of the hybrid working model on the productivity and performance of the employees in the IT industry. Each company included in the study employs workers in different IT companies that have implemented hybrid work schemes. It is looking to understand the impact flexible working patterns has on employee efficiency, work quality, communication, collaboration and overall employee performance. The study primarily focuses on aspects like work-life balance, employee motivation, technological support, organizational communication, job satisfaction, and flexibility of hybrid working systems. It also explores the issues that workers encounter when working from home and in the office at the same time.

Depending on the data, the geographical scope of the study may be confined to a specific region or city and may be limited to specific IT companies and employees within a region or city. The study focuses on workers who are employed in hybrid work arrangements, and excludes those who work entirely remotely and on-site workers. The results of the research will aid organizations, HR managers, policy makers and researchers to understand the effectiveness of hybrid work practices and to formulate approaches to enhance employee productivity and organization performance in the IT industry.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the impact of the hybrid working model on employee productivity in the IT sector?
2. What is the impact of the hybrid working model on employee performance in the IT sector?
3. What are the major challenges faced by employees in hybrid working environments?

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

Null Hypotheses (H₀)

- H₀: There is no significant relationship between the factors of the hybrid working model and employee productivity and performance.
- H₀: There is no significant relationship between the hybrid working model and employee productivity in the IT industry.

Review of Literature

1. Bloom et al. (2024) conducted a six-month randomized controlled trial (RCT) to investigate the impact of hybrid working from home on 1,612 employees of a Chinese technology firm. The study measured the

performance of employees working from home two days a week with those members working full time in the office. The researchers looked at job performance, job retention, job satisfaction, and promotion results. The results indicated that hybrid working had a positive impact, with increased job satisfaction and a third fewer employees quitting. But it had no impact on performance ratings, promotion or computer-engine coding output.

2. In the study conducted by Khanna, et al. (2024), 124 valid responses were obtained from software companies to determine their reaction to hybrid working. The researchers did a large scale survey and qualitative analysis was used to find the impacts at individual, team and organizational level. While the impacts of the study were mostly positive in the individual and organizational level, there were some negative impacts. Staff mentioned improved Work Life Balance, productivity and efficiency. There were, however, a variety of positive and negative impacts at the team level.

3 de Souza Santos et al. (2024) looked at the hybrid approach of post-pandemic work among 545 software professionals in a large software firm in South America. The researchers gathered both quantitative and qualitative data to gain an understanding of employees' hybrid-work experiences. The study has found that work-life balance, individual preferences, commuting time, social interaction and productivity are important. Other factors such as team dynamics, project requirements, client expectations and organizational plans also had an impact on hybrid-work arrangements. The study concluded that there is no single hybrid-work model suitable for all software professionals.

4. Kusumawati (2024) examined the relationship between hybrid working, employee productivity, and life balance using a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach. The study reviewed relevant literature on hybrid work, productivity, and work-life balance rather than collecting data directly from respondents. The findings indicated that hybrid working can improve productivity through greater flexibility in work time and location. However, hybrid working can also create challenges for work-life balance. The study emphasized the importance of appropriate hybrid-work arrangements for employee well-being and productivity.

5. Rathore Bhalla et al. (2026) investigated the impact of hybrid-work enablers on employee productivity, with specific reference to the IT sector in Delhi NCR. The study focused on work flexibility, communication, and collaboration as important hybrid-work

enablers. It examined how these factors contribute to employee productivity in the IT sector. The article is particularly relevant to the present study because it directly connects hybrid-work practices with employee productivity.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research methodology is a scientific approach of solving research problems and to get the goal of the research using scientific techniques and procedures systematically. The present study is analytical and descriptive research which aims to analyze and describe the effect of hybrid working model on employee productivity and performance in the IT industry.

Research Design

It is described as a descriptive research because the study tries to describe and analyze the employee perception, productivity, and performance outcomes of hybrid working arrangements in the IT sector.

Nature of the Study

The study is empirical, and the data is collected from employees of IT Companies with hybrid work model.

Sources of Data

Primary Data

Primary data is collected directly from employees through a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire consist of questions related to Organizational Factors, Employee-Related Factors, Technology and Infrastructure, Collaboration and Innovation, Leadership, Employee Well-being, Technology and Infrastructure, Environmental and Social Impact.

Secondary Data

Secondary data is collected from journals, books, research articles, company reports, websites, and previous studies related to hybrid working and employee performance.

Sources of Data

Primary Data

Primary data were collected directly from the employees and also by Google Forms using a structured questionnaire.

Secondary Data

Secondary data collection is conducted from the journal, book, research articles, company reports, websites and previous studies related to hybrid working and employee performance.

Sampling Technique

Simple random sampling technique has been used for the study, depending on the respondents' accessibility.

The respondents of the study is selected employees of selected IT companies in Coimbatore district.

Sample Size

The sample size is 143 IT employees, who are working under a hybrid working approach.

Limitations of the Study

- Selected IT employees only will be included in the study.
- The study may be limited due to time and resource constraints.
- The results may not be extrapolated to other industries other than IT.
- Opinions of employees can be affected by quick changes in organizational working policy during the study period.

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.373*	.149	.229*	.212*	.244*	.181*	.074	.357*	.306*	.152	.056	3.3
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.376*	.200*	.321*	.486*	.462*	.538*	.084	.929*	.522*	.109	-.004	4.1
.142	.123	.023	.172*	.048	.051	.547*	.146	.151	.050	-.062	4.2
.260*	.058	.208*	.258*	.384*	.944*	-.008	.605*	.400*	.073	.005	4.3
.201*	.069	.127	.226*	.941*	.391*	.011	.436*	.407*	.240*	.165*	4.4
.456*	.253*	.313*	.915*	.232*	.244*	-.013	.462*	.466*	.142	.072	4.5
.462*	.358*	.906*	.342*	.165*	.224*	-.122	.303*	.243*	-.070	-.070	4.6
.280*	.892*	.282*	.225*	.006	.021	-.068	.179*	.174*	.099	.078	4.7
.851*	.296*	.439*	.412*	.121	.117	.074	.302*	.158	-.054	-.047	4.8
.324*	.298*	.278*	.364*	.249*	.251*	.182*	.370*	.479*	.245*	.054	5.1
.157	.210*	.194*	.428*	.333*	.342*	.046	.534*	.915*	.188*	-.004	5.2
.274*	.252*	.253*	.411*	.326*	.478*	.133	.797*	.575*	.170*	.025	5.3
.167*	.179*	.026	.190*	.092	.088	.462*	.171*	.227*	.071	-.032	6.1
.155	.077	.223*	.288*	.330*	.826*	-.012	.540*	.400*	.142	.075	6.2
.156	.123	.130	.174*	.871*	.349*	.066	.429*	.445*	.240*	.177*	6.3
.380*	.250*	.287*	.818*	.132	.151	.015	.338*	.433*	.213*	.108	6.4.
.398*	.358*	.804*	.301*	.097	.200*	-.133	.237*	.251*	.007	-.016	7.1
.286*	.911*	.298*	.201*	.012	.022	-.016	.175*	.196*	.084	.036	7.2
.813*	.350*	.392*	.420*	.086	.147	.062	.295*	.179*	-.006	-.038	7.3
.334*	.300*	.298*	.379*	.259*	.252*	.154	.401*	.488*	.255*	.069	8.1
.293*	.135	.194*	.158	.209*	.143	.085	.320*	.256*	.159	.058	8.2.

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*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

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The analytical framework assesses the hybrid working environment in eight key aspects: organizational factors, employee-related factors, technology and infrastructure, collaboration and innovation, leadership, employee well-being, advanced technology infrastructure and environmental and social impact. The dimensions include leadership support, work-life balance, digital tools, communication, coordination, employee well being, cyber security, AI and automation, sustainability.

The relationships among the study variables were analyzed using Pearson correlation analysis. The results reveal some noteworthy positive relationships among factors. For example, 1.3 and 1.4 are positively correlated ($r = 0.601$, $p < 0.01$), while 5.1 and 5.2 show a significant positive relationship ($r = 0.531$, $p < 0.01$). Similarly, 6.2 and 6.3 are positively correlated ($r = 0.444$, $p < 0.01$). The results show that the dimensions of the hybrid working environment tend to go in the same direction. There are some negative correlations, but generally they are weak, indicating that there were no strong negative associations

Model Summary				
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.451 ^a	.204	.198	.76143
a. Predictors: (Constant), physical working mean				

between the measured variables.

REGRESSION ANALYSIS

EFFECT OF PHYSICAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT ON EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY

H₀: Physical working environment has no significant effect on employee productivity

H₁: Physical working environment has significant effect on employee productivity

ANOVA ^a					
Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	20.931	1	20.931	36.102	.000 ^b
Residual	81.748	141	.580		

Total	102.679	142					
a. Dependent Variable: employee productivity mean							
b. Predictors: (Constant), physical working mean							
Coefficients ^a							
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error				Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1 (Constant)	1.072	.163		6.559	.000	.749	1.395
physicalworking_mean	.460	.077	.451	6.009	.000	.309	.612
a. Dependent Variable: employee productivity mean							

The amount of variance in the productivity that can be explained by the physical working environment is 20.4%, as shown in the R^2 value of 0.204. The model is statistically significant ($F = 36.102$, $p = 0.000$). The value of the coefficient $B = 0.460$ and $\beta = 0.451$ is positive, which shows that the physical working conditions of workers positively affect their productivity. A 1 unit increase in the physical working environment will lead to a 0.460 unit increase in productivity of employees. Moderate (standardized beta) effect. The predictor is statistically significant, $t = 6.009$ and $p = 0.000$. The rest of the variations (79.6%) are attributed to other factors. Therefore, the alternate hypothesis of this study, which states that the physical working environment is an important factor affecting employee productivity is accepted.

Findings of the Study

The empirical investigation provides valuable insights into the physical and organizational aspects that impact employee productivity in the era of hybrid work. From the regression analysis results, it can be seen that the improvement in the physical working environment is a significant variable in

improving employee productivity. The $R^2 = 0.204$ suggests the physical working environment accounts for 20.4% of the variability in employee productivity and that remaining 79.6% is due to other organizational, psychological, technological and social factors.

The positive regression coefficient ($B = 0.460$) also suggests that there will be an improvement in the physical working environment thus an improvement in employee productivity will occur. Besides, there is an evident positive association between team communication and task coordination, indicating that reliable and structured communication is the prerequisite for smooth teamwork. Organizational leadership and corporate work culture have a moderate positive correlation, which means that leadership proactivity is the key in developing a healthy work culture. Most importantly, there are little to no inverse trade-offs between the various measures of IT support across the different domains of the dataset, as evidenced by the lack of association between leadership support and basic IT support, which is mathematically insignificant. Ultimately, the study has been able to successfully confirm that the hybrid model continues to hold a positive and statistically significant relationship with overall performance with a valid sample of 143 active hybrid IT workers.

Suggestions :

The empirical results underscore the need for targeted interventions to boost productivity in hybrid work settings. The physical working environment shows a significant effect on the productivity of the employee ($p = 0.000$) and accounts for 20.4% of the variance in productivity ($R^2 = 0.204$). Thus, workplace conditions, such as facilities, ergonomic arrangements, equipment, lighting, ventilation and others, need to be improved. Besides, there is still 79.6% of the productivity variance that needs to be addressed by improving employee recognition, psychological safety, workload distribution and work-life balance. Organisations should also offer effective digital tools, reliable IT support and communication platforms to ensure effective hybrid working. In addition, managers should be provided with leadership training that fits their requirements, and thus receive hybrid training to support them in providing continuous leadership and maintaining good coordination within the team. Last but not least, productivity, employee health, and secure hybrid operations should be achieved through effective performance measurement systems and robust cybersecurity.

Conclusion

The study finds that physical working environment has a positive impact on employee productivity in the IT sector with a value of $B = 0.460$, $\beta = 0.451$, $p = 0.000$. The model is statistically significant ($F(4,4) = 8.34$, $p < .05$) and accounts for 20.4% of the variance in employee productivity ($R^2 = 0.204$), which demonstrates that the physical working conditions of employees are important to their productivity. The correlation results also indicate that there are significant relationships among some factors that are related to hybrid work. There are other organizational, technological, psychological and social factors that may account for the rest of the 79.6% of the variation in productivity, however. Thus, a well-balanced strategy that includes suitable physical environments, the best technology, communication, employee support and health programs will help organizations be more productive in hybrid IT workplaces.

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