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## Assess Stress Related Factors, Level of Stress and Self Reported Practice Regarding Stress Reduction Among P U College Students in Selected P U Colleges of Vijayapur

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#### **ABSTRACT**

BACKGROUND: Stress is fact of life that every human deals with on the daily basis. It is familiar condition known to everyone. Stress is derived from the Latin word "stringi" which mean "to be drawn tight" The concept of stress is as old as medical history. Hanse Seyle is generally considered as the father of stress research who introduced the concept of stress in 1936. selye defined stress as the non specific response of the body to any demand regardless of its nature.

**Methods:** Total 96 (Science, Arts and commerce) Various P U College students selected by using stratified random sampling methods, Here stress related factors ,Level of stress and self reported practice regarding stress reduction is assessed using stress scale (PSS) and self prepared 3 point likert scale

RESULT: Majority of students had average stress related factors (79.166%) and 20.83% students had low stress related factors. No students had the high stress related factors. Among all P U students 68.78% had moderate level of stress, 31.25% students had more stress. All P U college students (100%) had average self reported practice regarding stress reduction. Stress level score and self reported practice score means are 19.125 and 30.42, medians are19 and 30, SD 2.79 and 3.78 respectively. There is a mild correlation between level of stress and self reported practices (r=0.16).

There is no significant association between levels of stress scores with their selected

demographic variable except mothers' education, it shows association. (chi square and P values is 13 and 0.0233 respectively). There is association between self reported practice scores with their selected demographic variable like religion, course, year of the study and number of siblings). There is no association between self reported practices scores with their selected demographic variables like age in years, gender, type of accommodation, type of family, father's education, mother's education, father and mother's occupation and income

**Conclusion:** The study evaluated the stress related factors, level of stress and self reported practice regarding stress reduction among P U college students. The students had average stress related factors and had moderate level of stress and average self reported practice.

*Keywords:* Assess, Stress related factors, Level of stress, Stress reduction and self reported

#### INTRODUCTION

As a matter of fact, stress may harmful or it may not be it totally dependent upon the circumstances. According to Seyle, a Canadian endocrinologist, stress could be classified as Distress and Eustress. Distress is that stress which is harmful and can cause one to feel helpless, frustrated and disappointed. It can cause physical or psychological damage. Novel situation that do not overwhelm the individual and that allow eventual mastery and controls give

meaning, interest and challenges to life. conditions the Under such same physiological arousal that might be interpreted as uncomfortable anxiety may be interpreted as euphoria in certain situations when an individual seeks a challenge, watches an exciting sporting event or anticipates a positive outcome of change in life, the resulting stress, which is perceived positively, is called as Eustress. <sup>1</sup>

Stress is a universal experience. It is a part alive. Stress is a person of being environment interaction. From the birth till the death of an individual stress can occur. An individual is an invariably exposed to various stressful situations. It is a physical and emotional state always present in the individuals as a result of disturbance in living. Stress reactions are purposeful and initially protective. Stress on positive side helps to maintain equilibrium to increase motivation, learning, creativity, development productivity and satisfaction, on negative side stress is noxious, unpleasant or damaging stress. Complete freedom from stress is death or a nonexistent state.

Predisposing factors of stress are biological factors, psychological factors and a socio cultural factors, biological factor includes genetic background, nutritional status, biological sensitivities, general health and exposure to toxins. The psychological factors include intelligence level, verbal skills, honesty, personality, previous experiences, self concept, motivation, psychological defenses and control or a sense of control over one's own fate. Sociocultural factors include age, gender, education. income, occupation, position, cultural background, religious upbringing and beliefs, political affiliation, socialization experiences and level of integration or relatedness.

The vast repertoire of human responses to stress and person's ability to modify the environment in response to stress are not merely individual's behavior but are products of social life and culture.

Stressors are biological, psychological, social or chemical factor that cause physical or emotional tension or stressor is the stimuli proceeding or precipitating a change. It may be internal (fear, guilt) or external (trauma, peer pressure) the trigger that promotes the stressful reaction is called a stressor. These are events with the capacity to cause stress that include major personal and psychological events. Acute stressors are life change events and chronic stressors are persistent life difficulties, role strain, social groups, community wide strain, daily haste, positive situations, and negative situation. Stress management involves the using of coping strategies in stressful situations. These Coping strategies are adoptive when individual is protected; from the harm strengthen the individual ability to challenging situations. Adoptive meet responses help restore to the body and impedes the development of disease of adaptation. Energy resources become depleted as the body struggles to arousal being experienced.

Scientific evidence shows that multifactorial nature of stress among students. Data reviewed from previous studies shows that academics, examination, fear of failing, clinical training, financial resources, fear of facing parents after failure cause major stress in students.

Stress is an integral part of life, especially for a college student. In fact, not all stress is bad. At time little stress makes us to become more alert an aware of our surrounding, causes us to take more time to make decision.

This can be beneficial but when one recognizes that the stress is detrimental to one's life, we need to action. There are number of techniques to help the college students to minimize the stress. Managing stress will help the students cope with the daily pressure of college and gives them more time and energy to enjoy their college experience. Stress it is a life event that causes imbalance in person's life. An unhealthy response to stress occurs in college experience.

Stress event can initiate fight or flight responses. If the external environment is disturbed, the internal balance also disturbed. Sympathetic nervous system and endocrine nervous system are the two channel balancing the fight or flight responses. Both depend on each other in maintain the equilibrium. If stressful situation is not resolved, he or she may become chronically stressed and result in pathological changes such a physical and emotional problems.

Lazarus and Folkman coping as a constantly changing cognitive and behavioral effort to manage specific internal and external demands that are assessed by the above resources of the person. There are two strategies have general coping distinguished. Problem solving strategies and emotion focused coping strategies. Problem solving strategies are effort to do something active to minimize the stressful circumstances. Whereas emotion focused coping strategies involve effort to regulate emotional consequences of stressful or potentially stressful events. Many people use both types of coping strategies and techniques to combat most stressful events.

Stress has regarded as a common part of pre university education because after the 12<sup>th</sup> the students are going to choose their other graduation or professional courses.

To choose the courses and decide their future this P U academic performance is very important. In this condition if the students' fails to coping the stress which arises during this period the students may not be reach their goal. To combat these problems students has to know what the stress related factors, what stress level is and what to do to reduce the stress which exerted. This study only finds the stress related factors, level of stress and self reported practice for stress reduction. No any specific interventions conducted to reduce the stress.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

A cross sectional study was conducted on perceived sources of stress among dental college students. The study objectives were to address various sources of stress among dental school students and its relation with gender and year of the study. The study results shows that majority of students felt academic performance, about clinic/patient related stress and career related stress in that major stressors are exam grade stress and fear of failing in the examination. The researcher concludes that worries about fulfilling clinical requirements, academic exams, exam stress and insecurity regarding career were the major sources of stress.

A study was conducted on comparing levels of psychological stress and its inducing factors among medical students. The objectives of the study were to determine and compare degree of psychological stress and inducing factors there among 1st to 5th year medical students. The study results show that the highest prevalence of physiological stress was found among first year students. Stress scores significantly decreased with advancement in the year of the study, except for the final year. Independent risk factors of stress academic stress, presence of physical problems and being married are the risk factors of the stress in medical students.

A study was conducted on prevalence of depression, anxiety and stress among young male adults in India. The study objectives were to determine prevalence of current depressive anxiety and stress related symptoms on a dimensional and categorical basis among young adults in Ranchi city of India. The study results shows that mild to extremely severe depressive symptoms were prevent, co-morbid anxiety and depression was high among the students and also suffering from anxiety disorders. researcher concludes that detecting depressive, anxiety and stress related a symptom in the college population is a critical preventive strategy, which can help in preventing disruption to the learning process.

#### **MATERIALS & METHODS**

**Study design:** A correlative descriptive design

**Setting of the study:** The setting of this study area is BLDEA's K C P and S B Arts Science P U College Vijayapur.

Sample size: 96

**Sampling Technique** The probability proportionate stratified random sampling technique.

## Study selection criteria Inclusion Criteria:

- Students who are studying P U courses in SB Arts and KCP Science College Vijayapur
- 2. Male and female students who are willing to participate

### **Exclusion Criteria:**

- 1. Students who are willing to participate in the study
- 2. Students undergone counseling program

### **RESULTS**

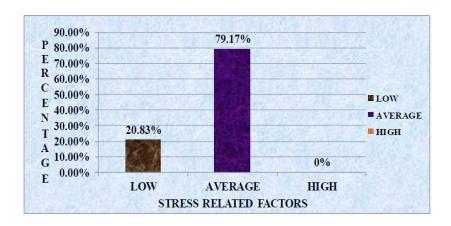
Sl No	Demographic Variable	Frequency	Percentage
1	Age in years		
	17	59	61.25%
	18	28	29.16%
	19	07	7.29%
	20	02	2.08%
2	Gender		
	Male	42	43.75%
	Female	54	56.25%
3	Religion		
	Hindu	56	58.33%
	Muslim	24	25%
	Christian	15	15.625%
	Others	01	1.041%
4	Course		
	Science	32	33.33%
	Arts	32	33.33%
	Commerce	32	33.33%
5	Year of the study	48	50%
	First	48	50%
	Second		
6	Type of accommodation		
	Home	35	36.45%
	Hostel	49	51.04%
	Paying guest	08	8.33%
	Others	04	4.16%
7	Type of family	-	
	Joint	44	45.83%
	Nuclear	40	41.66%
	Extended	12	12.5%
8	Number of siblings		
	1	08	8.33%
	2	52	54.16%
	3	29	30.20%
	>3	07	7.29%
9.1	Father education		
	Primary	10	10.41%
	High-school	24	25%
	PUC	18	18.75%
	Degree	24	25%
	Post graduate	15	15.62%
	Illiterate	05	5.20%
9.2	Mother education		
	Primary	21	21.87%
	High-school	26	2708%
	PUC	10	10.41%
	Degree	17	17.70%
	Post graduate	07	7.29%
	Illiterate	15	15.62%
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10.1	Father occupation						
	Farmer	24	25%				
	Business	23	23.95%				
	Government employee	30	31.25%				
	Private employee	10	10.41%				
	Cooli	08	8.33%				
	No work	01	1.041%				
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	Farmer	24	25%				
	Business	06	6.25%				
	Government employee	10	10.41%				
	Private employee	15	15.625%				
	Cooli	09	9.37%				
	No work	32	33.33%				
11	Income						
	<20000	51	53.125%				
	20001-40000	25	26.041%				
	40001-60000	19	19.79%				
	>60001	01	1.041%				

### STRESS RELATED FACTORS AMONG P U COLLEGE STUDENTS N=96

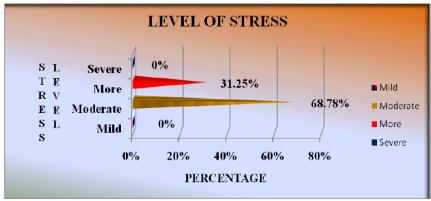
Level	Scores	Frequency	Percentage
Low	0-20	20	20.83%
Average	21-40	76	79.166%
High	41-60	00	0%



### ASSESS THE LEVEL OF STRESS AMONG PU COLLEGE STUDENTS N=96

Level	Scores	Frequency	Percentage
Mild	0-10	0	0%
Moderate	11-20	66	68.78
More	21-30	30	31.25%
Severe	31-40	0	0%

Table Shows that level of stress among P U college students N=96



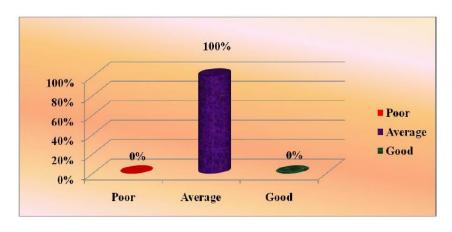
Pyramid diagram shows the level of stress among P U College students

Above table and diagram shows the level of stress among p u college students. In this 68.78% of students have moderate stress and 31.25% students have more stress and no one students have severe stress and no one reported mild stress also.

## ASSESS THE SELF REPORTED PRACTICE REGARDING STRESS REDUCTION N=96

Level	Scores	Frequency	Percentage
Poor	0-20	0	0%
Average	21-40	96	100%
Good	41-60	0	0%

Table Shows that self reported practice to reduce the stress N=96



## Cylindrical diagram shows that self reported practice to reduce the stress

Above table and diagram shows that everyone practicing the average self reported practice to reduce the stress level that is 100%

# CORRELATION BETWEEN STRESS LEVEL SCORE WITH SELF REPORTED PRACTICE SCORE N=96

Variable	Mean	Median	SD	Range	R value	P value	Significance	Remarks
Stress level	19.12	19	2.79	14				
Self reported practice	30.42	30	3.78	16	0.16	0.1194	NS	Mild correlation

Above Table Shows that is there is a mild correlation between stress level score and self reported practice score (i.e r=0.16) Mean and SD of stress level scores is 19.125 and 19 respectively. The Mean and SD of self reported practice scores is 30.42 and 3.78 respectively.

Sl	Demographical	Df	Chi	Table	P	significance	Remarks
No	Variable		square	value	value		
1	Age in years	3	3.6877	7.81	0.297	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
2	Gender	1	2.958	3.84	0.085	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
3	Religion	3	3.222	7.81	0.358	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
4	Course	2	3.7818	5.99	0.15	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
5	Year of the study	1	2.638	3.84	0.1043	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
6	Type of accommodation	of 3	2.79	7.81	0.424	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected
7	Type of family	2	0.3212	5.99	0.851	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected

	Table To Be Continued								
8	Number of siblings	3	3.252	7.81	0.424	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected		
9.1	Father education	5	8.100	11.1			Null hypothesis is accepted and research		
9.2	Mother Education	5	13.000	11.1	0.15	S	Research hypothesis is accepted and null hypothesis is rejected		
10.1	Father occupation	5	5.34	11.1	0.375	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected		
10.2	Mother occupation	5	2.56	11.1	0.767	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected		
11	Income	3	2.58	7.81	0.46	NS	Null hypothesis is accepted and research hypothesis is rejected		

#### **DISCUSSION**

In this present study P U college students stress related factors divided into low, average and high stress related factors. Stress related scores 0-20 are considered as low stress related factors, 21-40 scores are average stress related factors and 41-60 scores indicates students have high stress related factors. In this study survey P U College majority of students had average stress related factors (79.166%) and 20.83% students had low stress related factors. No students had the high stress related factors.

This is supported a study on stress and its effects on college students. The objectives of the study were to assess the level of stress among college students, to find out the sources and effects of stress, to give suggestive measure to overcome stress. The study results shows that academic factors, social factors, family factors, emotional factors and financial factors are major causes of stress. The researcher concluded that necessary components of a stress management program specific to the needs of college students to be conflict.

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