



UTILIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR LESSENUP STRESS OF TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT- Technologies have converted the way where people work, since technologies are actually support tools - bettering individuals' private tasks and working and changing them into more effective individuals. The incorporation of technology can become a focus of anxiety as well as stress among teachers, influencing the day life of theirs. The study has demonstrated the presence of technostress when teachers make use of technology in the classroom. Within this study we make use of a unit which we refer to as the 'Teacher Technology Environment Interaction Model' to check out the problem of the stress encountered by teachers while utilizing ICT of the classroom. The methodology we used required a comparison of 3 datasets received from: strong observation as well as video logging of the teachers in the classroom; tracks of their Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) taken while teaching; and interviews.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Researches on technologies in training have concentrated primarily on boosting the learning tasks of pupils. Nevertheless, research on exactly how teachers have been impacted by the growth of the technologies which make increased pupil learning attainable is scarce. Technologies have converted the way where individuals' work, since technologies are actually support tools - bettering individuals' private tasks and working and changing them into more effective individuals. In addition, the usage of technology enables the freeing up of time for people like teachers to carry out some other tasks, independent of the professions of theirs. Nevertheless, technologies can also be liable for alterations in people's lives, which aren't often appropriate since they disrupt interpersonal and personal relationships and impact health. The incorporation of technology can become a focus of anxiety as well as stress among teachers, influencing the day life of theirs. Frequently, the addition of educational technology is required despite the absence of specialized energy as well as tools needed for the proper didactic use of its. These instances culminate in conflicts between teachers, and also in the relationships of theirs with co-workers and with many other individuals active in the planet, inevitably producing, in the most detrimental case, damaged interpersonal and personal relationships that impact the overall health of theirs.

II. CAUSES OF TEACHER STRESS

An excessive amount of work and not sufficient time to meet the requirements of all pupils are actually 2 continuous themes in any examination of teacher stress. The majority of teachers are dutiful and conscientious intrinsically in meeting their students' learning needs, which motivates them more difficult than any other outside pressures. The British Columbia Teachers' Federation in Canada lists the top 5 reasons of teacher stress as unmet needs of pupils, category composition, size of workload, attitudes of provincial government, as well as the addition of pupils with special needs. Likewise, a study of 900 secondary teachers in Ireland discovered the most-often-reported reasons of stress had been workload, instructing classes with a large ability range, and never having time that is sufficient to invest with specific pupils.

- **Not achieving every student**

The perception of the failure of theirs to satisfy the requirements of all the pupils of theirs is a very common stressor for teachers, therefore any initiatives to personalize or even differentiate instruction while decreasing preparation time will have a good effect on decreasing teacher stress. While classrooms

start to be increasingly different in phrases of learning skills as well as learning styles, very first languages spoken, socio economic status, cultural backgrounds and psychological, behavioral and physical difficulties, teachers are concurrently challenged to believe better responsibility for the personalized training of each pupil. Government legislation and achievement requirements heap extra levels of stress and duty to the daily duties of all the educators, which includes classroom teachers. Additionally, the greater number of schools is actually anticipated to show improvement and meet certain targets for achievement, the heavier the need on teachers' time

- **Inadequate technology integration techniques**

In addition to the rigors of classroom teaching as well as session planning, it's vital that you be aware that with no sufficient training, support and resources, including the most helpful technologies are able to lead to extra stress for teachers that are active. While any type of change comes with it a degree of strain and apprehension, based on Bitner and Bitner, using technology as a teaching and learning tool of the classroom does so to an even higher extent since it calls for both adjustments in the usage and classroom methods of tenun familiar technologies (Bitner and Bitner, 2002, p. ninety six). With no sufficient education, access to resources, professional development, supportive leadership and technical assistance to the school, incorporating the time along with effort to find out about and make use of a brand new technology is a challenging job for teachers with currently weighty workloads.

III. TECHNOLOGY AS REDUCE EXAM STRESS FOR EXAM INVIGILATOR

❖ **Proctoring and e-proctoring:** Proctoring is about helping candidate's complete exams in as supportive an environment as possible. Invigilators do this through time-keeping (providing warnings when there is one hour or ten minutes to go), by investigating candidates' questions (if the examination paper appears to have an error or is unclear), and by managing or recording unexpected situations. In a physical exam hall, this might be a fire alarm or water spill. In an online context, perhaps it's a loss of internet connectivity. Then there's the detection of improper conduct. Invigilators confirm that those sitting the exam are who they claim to be, ensure that candidates aren't using unauthorized materials, and prevent or detect candidates' prohibited attempts to communicate with others. Most importantly, invigilators should avoid actions that students perceive as intrusive, disturbing, stressful, or otherwise harming their performance within the exam rules. During a traditional exam, invigilation consists of a combination of continuous observation from a distance and occasional close-focus inspection. To reduce stress, the candidate is aware when the latter is taking place, as a candidate who feels under continuous close-focus human surveillance or recording is unlikely to perform their best. For this reason, digital invigilation shouldn't simply be a continuous video-conferencing link that effectively seats the invigilator on the candidate's desk. That approach fails everyone: the invigilator has to do at least as much work, the candidate is placed in a more stressful environment, and the technology is badly under-utilized.

❖ **More techs, less stress:** Technology should contribute to the invigilation process, not merely allow it to be conducted remotely. It should become a part of the invigilator's alerting and record-keeping process. It should reduce stress for both candidate and invigilator - and work more effectively than a physical human presence. For example, an e-proctoring system might take a snapshot of the candidate's work at the point of an alert, break, or interruption. This allows the work to be checked for sudden bursts of 'creativity' or correction afterwards, that might suggest a candidate had been consulting unauthorized materials or another person. An e-proctoring system might also detect unexpected sounds - such as the turning of pages - changes in typing cadence (suggesting that the individual is no longer the intended candidate), unusual patterns of system or network activity (that may suggest the candidate is engaged in unauthorized activity), or environmental changes (such as loss of network connectivity). The system could record and alert the human invigilator to these. Overall, digital invigilation systems are most helpful for continuous, 'distance' monitoring, raising an alert if they detect behavior they do not understand or find suspicious, to be checked by a human. 'E-proctoring' systems that do no more than reproduce, badly, the face-to-face invigilation process should be regarded with suspicion.

❖ **Care, caution and vision:** Invigilation is not the only thing that prevents candidates cheating. Therefore, proctoring must be part of an assessment system that is designed to be resistant to cheating – one that considers alternative ways of assessing or verifying performance, and designs assessment so that it is hard for candidates to benefit from collusion, such as ‘open book’ exams. Moderation after assessment is crucial too, identifying candidates whose exam performance differs significantly from their expected grades, and reviewing invigilators' records for anything that might affect performance (either negatively or positively).

IV. TEACHER-TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION MODEL

The unit is shown in Figure one below, and a description of the terms utilized provided in Table one. This suggests that a teacher can become stressed when there's a discrepancy between the qualities and his/her qualities of the technological atmosphere he/she is actually working in. We draw a distinction between the unbiased technological setting (as perceived by an outside observer) as well as the subjective technological environment (as perceived by the teacher themselves). Likewise we distinguish between the unbiased attributes of the teacher (as perceived by an outside observer), as well as the very subjective teacher attributes (as perceived by the teacher themselves).

Table 1: Definition of terms used in the model

Concept	Explanation
Technostress	Stress caused by the use of technology
Transactional Process	Stress is conceptualised as the internal representation of problematic transactions between the person and their environment.
Primary appraisal	The teacher's evaluation of an event as stressful, positive, controllable, challenging or irrelevant.
Secondary appraisal	The teachers' evaluation of his/her coping resources and options.
Symptoms	Psychological, physical, or behavioural responses to technostressors
Objective technological environment	The technological environment as perceived by the observer
Subjective technological environment	The technological environment as perceived by the teacher
Objective teacher	The characteristics of the teacher (e.g. ability, skills, and attitude to technology) as perceived by the observer.
Subjective teacher	The teacher's perception about his/her characteristics (e.g. ability, skills, and attitude to technology)
Demands	Work demands arising from the use of the technology in the classroom.
Abilities	The teachers ability to meet the demands of the work situation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill to teach using technology - Ability to prepare and install technology and monitor students' use of technology.
Needs	The needs that the teacher has in order to be able to function appropriately in the work situation.
Supplies	Resources such as reliable technology. Social support to motivate teachers' use of technology, and to provide help when needed Technical support to solve technical problems.

Accuracy of self-assessment	The degree to which the subjective teacher characteristics correspond to the objective teacher characteristics.
Contact with reality	The degree to which the subjective technological environment corresponds to the objective technological environment.
Coping	Strategies used to deal with the causes or with the symptoms associated with technostress.

The unbiased degree of fit (Fo) refers to the relation between the goal teacher attributes (To) as well as the objective technological setting (TEo), the very subjective degree of fit (Fs) refers to the relation between the very subjective teacher characteristics (Ts) and the subjective technological environment (TEs). We think about 2 types of healthy. The very first form is the need as well as capacity (D-in a technological atmosphere in which there's a great degree of fit equally fairly as well as subjectively then the unit indicates there'll be no experience of stress. 2 types of lack of healthy is able to occur:

- a) coming from the perspective of the job-environment's demands there's the need as well as capacity (D-A) form, in which, for instance, the teacher is actually operating in a technological atmosphere that's demanding the exercise of technological capabilities or maybe capabilities not possessed by the teacher (this absence of fit could happen sometimes between subjective variables or the goal).
- b) from the perspective of the employee's requirements there's the demand and supply (N-S) form, in which for instance the teacher could need education or support specialized to carry out the work of theirs efficiently, but this is not provided in the technological environment in which they're working (this absence of fit may also appear sometimes between subjective variables or the goal)

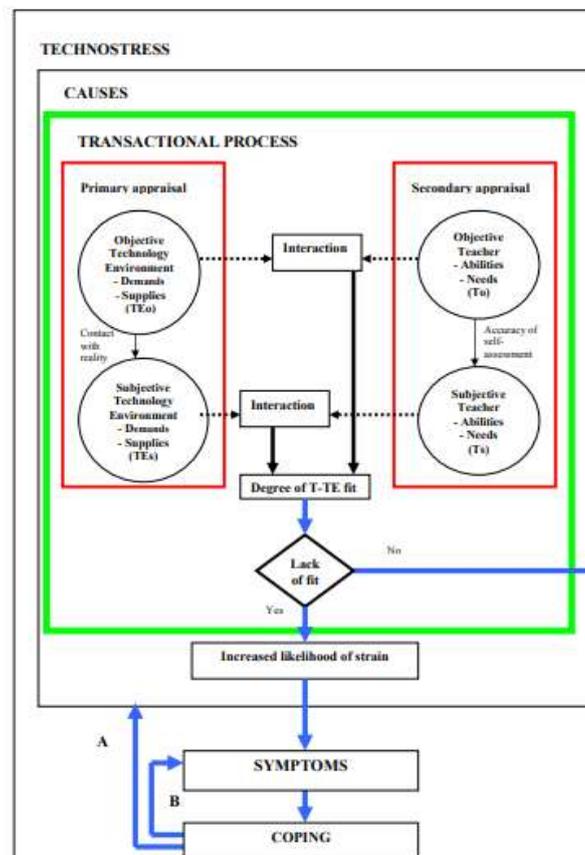


Figure 1: Teacher-Technology Environment Interaction Model of classroom technostress. The line A indicates the use of a problem-focused coping strategy, and line B indicates the use of an emotion-focused coping strategy.

V. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Fernández et al., (2021) Educational technology is now an increasingly crucial component for enhancing the teaching as well as learning process of pupils. In order to accomplish these goals, it's crucial that teachers have the skills they have to have the ability to expose technology into the teaching practice of theirs. Nevertheless, this is usually overwhelming as well as difficult for a lot of them. The goal of this assessment was finding out exactly how investigation on teacher stress as well as strain related with the usage of educational technology was proceeding. A systematic review was done utilizing the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews as well as Meta Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines throughout the next bibliographic databases: PubMed, Web of Science, and Scopus. 16 reports have been found through the review. The primary results indicate that teachers contained high levels of tension or maybe stress due to the use of theirs of educational technology of the classroom. Along with the conclusions, the demand for investigation on techniques that are various to keep the growth of this particular tension as well as stress indicators in teachers stands out.

Haydon, Todd. (2018)A qualitative study was done to look at teacher stress by investigating wonderful educations teachers' distinctive responses to stressors. Special education teachers experienced a few energy sources of stress and utilized safety factors in responding to those stressors. Teachers suggested that lack of administrative support might be a supply of stress while administrative support could be a protective factor from stress.

Çoklar et al., (2016) Techno stress is actually described as a contemporary adaptation disorder resulting from the failure in coping with new technologies in a truly healthy manner. Techno-stress affects several occupational groups, which includes teachers. FATIH task and numerous other earlier studies conducted in Turkey in the past few years have necessitated the usage of technology for teachers. The existing research investigates the techno stress ph levels of teachers of these procedures. Techno-stress scale for teachers was conducted on 370 teachers from a variety of levels of branches as well as training in 2015 2016 school years. Based on the findings received in the present investigation, common techno stress amounts of teachers had been moderate amount, as well as in phrases of sub scales, teachers had moderate amount learning teaching procedure oriented, complex matter oriented and social oriented techno stress, and minimal level profession oriented and private focused techno stress. In terms of market variables, common techno stress amounts of teachers did not vary by length and gender of service, and varied by typical Internet use time variable.

Manjula, (2014)as per the findings, a greater number of the male is employed in the deemed universities and they guide for the M.Phil degree and often handle 3-4 batches. A common effect of stress was studied on the body, mood and behaviour. They manage stress by way of physical exercise, relaxation technique, meditation and yoga. Teaching is a stressful profession for the Associate Professors. Health conditions of the respondents are good in spite of stressful profession. Most of the Associate Professors are not availing their leave and find difficulty in coping with the work environment. Technology Aided Learning (TAL) does not provide any stress to them. Long working hours in which teachers are forced to get involved is the factor for concern. Most of the time, teachers lack support in the job; changing terms and conditions of the employment, organization policies, students discipline are the major causes of stress followed by the size of a class. They suffer different types of health problems like headache, mood swings and physiological pressure

Sundareswaran (2011)an individual suffers life stress and organisation stress. Life stressor occurs due to life changes and life trauma while organisation stressors are caused due to various factors such as occupation, job insecurity, work overload, physical demands. Physical, psychological and behavioural factors contribute to the level of anxiety. Workload, environment, technology, mechanics and machinery are the main causes of physical related stress. Conflict, role ambiguity, information anxiety are related to behavioural stress. Different models like Factor Model, Model Finale and Ability Model were prepared. It was concluded from the model that higher the level of ability to perform, lower it effects mentally and physically and the individual might lead a healthier life. So organisation should train and educate the

employees. Organisation stress can be managed through proper communication, job rotation, transition, meditation, recreation, and counseling.

AlabaOlaoluwakotansibeAgbatogun (2010)This particular study was created to look at the statistical gender, academic qualification as well as marital status differences in primary school teachers' use of Electronic Technologies and Information for stress management. 706 primary school teachers (176 males, as well as 530 females) with (Mean Age= 34.7; SD = 8.52), from Ogun East senatorial district of Ogun state, Nigeria constituted the sample of the study. Meanwhile, 3 investigate hypotheses that instructed the analysis had been tested at 0.05 amount of significance making use of Analysis as well as t test of Variance. Technology Usage and Job Stress Scale was utilized to gather the information. The results showed that teachers' use of Electronic Technologies and Information for stress management wasn't gender driven, while academic qualification as well as marital status of the teachers influenced the use of theirs of Information and Electronic Technologies as stress coping technique. By implication, the findings of this particular study direct that teachers must be responsive to the increasing technological innovations which function as proactive and preventive coping method which will minimized unwanted workload which have indirect and direct ripple effects on teachers' physical and mental health and quality of education.

Mohammed Al Fudail& Harvey Mellar (2008)In this particular study we make use of an unit which we refer to as the ' teacher technology atmosphere interaction model' to check out the problem of the stress encountered by teachers while utilizing ICT of the classroom. The methodology we used required a comparison of 3 datasets received from: strong observation as well as video logging of the teachers in the classroom; recordings of their galvanic skin response (GSR) taken while teaching; and interview. Information had been received from 9 teachers, and also in total, roughly thirty two h of teaching pursuits have been noticed. The primary outcomes of this particular study were (a) the demonstration that teachers do experience stress related to the usage of technology in the classroom (i.e. technostress) (b) the identification of causes, symptoms and coping techniques connected with technostress of the classroom. This particular study, consequently, points to an alternate means of considering the issues of applying e learning by conceptualizing several of these implementation difficulties in phrases of technostress (and particularly of teacher technology atmosphere fit).

VI. METHODOLOGY ADOPTED

Teachers of the classroom were equally observed as well as videoed, and also at exactly the same time their Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) readings had been captured using a wireless unit linked to the finger of theirs. We selected equipment to make certain that needed dimensions as well as observations can be made with little interference with classroom activities. 9 teachers participated in the study, 6 teachers that are female and 3 male teachers. For complete around thirty two hours of educating pursuits had been noticed. Immediately after the observations, the teachers had been interviewed as the videos and also the GSR logs had been played back again to them.

VII. FINDINGS

The results provided proof of the impact of need and supply technological environmental variables as well as capacity as well as need teacher private variables. The distinction between subjective and objective variables wasn't always clear, and we'll just do this distinction exactly where we are able to clearly determine a distinction between an ' objective' fit and a ' subjective' fit. Table two below shows some examples of ' fit' and ' lack of fit' between teacher as well as technology atmosphere (T and TE) variables. Lack of fit was described as related to technostress. Needs of the technological atmosphere located included: readying the gear, fixing mistakes, checking students' use of the software program, detailing the usage of the software, and controlling pupils of the technology supported classroom. These demands were usually encountered by the teachers as increased work load or perhaps squandered time. Items which didn't meet the requirements of teaching have been found in the areas of technology efficiency and social and technical support.

Wherever there is lack of fit among demands (Abilities and d) (A) or perhaps between supplies (S) and

requires (N), teachers of that study reported signs of stress and exhibited a range of coping strategies.

Whenever we asked teachers about incidents in which there was a difference in the reading of the GSR, they frequently confirmed they'd encountered stress at that moment as a consequence of a certain occasion. For instance, the GSR reading for one teacher increased from 32m to +30m, and when asked about this particular event, she said that at the moment she couldn't get the pupils to use the program. As an additional illustration, Figure two shows the changes in the GSR readings for one teacher when she encountered a difficulty with the usage of voting instruments.

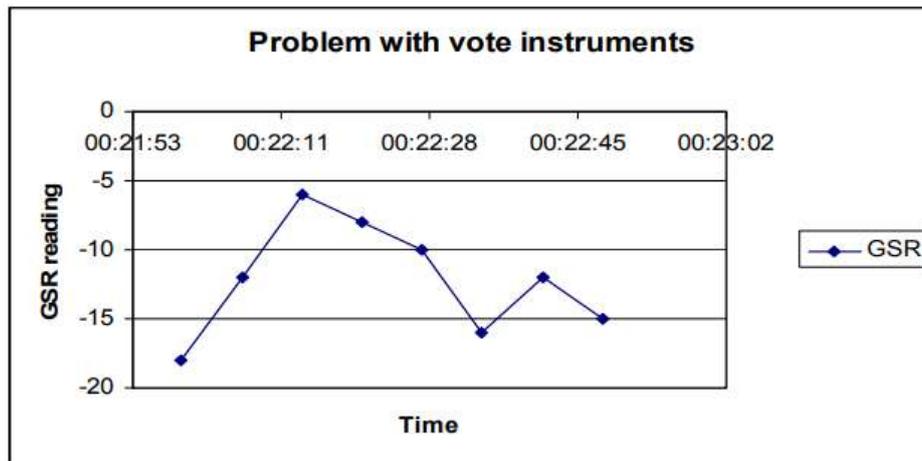


Figure2: The GS Rreadings for a teacher whilst experiencing problems with the use of voting instruments

So the GSR readings usually formed a helpful foundation to elicit the teachers' talk of difficult attacks. Nevertheless, it was sometimes not feasible to link changes in GSR readings with stress; often GSR readings enhanced without any obvious expertise of stress, as well as at some other times teachers reported encountering stress but there was no substantial changes in the GSR readings.

Participants reported the following as possible causes of stress:

- (a) The time that was taken up in utilizing technology for planning, explanation, installation or/and fixing problems;
- (b) Problems with the usability of the technology, including things such as: reliability, compatibility, and errors
- (c) Lack of social and technical support had to utilize technology in teaching;
- (d) The need to train much less competent pupils in elementary ICT skills; (e) Lack of lessons in the usage of the technologies released to the school.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The current study is actually tiny for scale, and also as a consequence the conclusions drawn may just be tentative; however these conclusions do enable the generation of hypotheses which may today usefully be analyzed in larger scale studies. The chief factors behind techno stress present in the empirical analysis were: lack of fit where teachers were not able to cope with technological mistakes (e.g. software and networking), improved work demands; as well as exactly where teachers weren't capable to make highly effective use of technology in the classroom due to lack of proper pedagogic preparing.

This arises from lack of fit between the teacher and also the technological atmosphere, between the needs of the technological atmosphere (preparing technology, fixing errors) as well as teachers' skills (skills),

and between teachers' requirements (adequate technology, education, and support) and supply (technology, training, and technicians).

In thinking about the valuation of improved investment of ICT in training, the hidden costs of techno stress and also the control of this particular stress have to be factored into the economic equations, as without having done so several of the importance of the original investment is going to be lost.

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