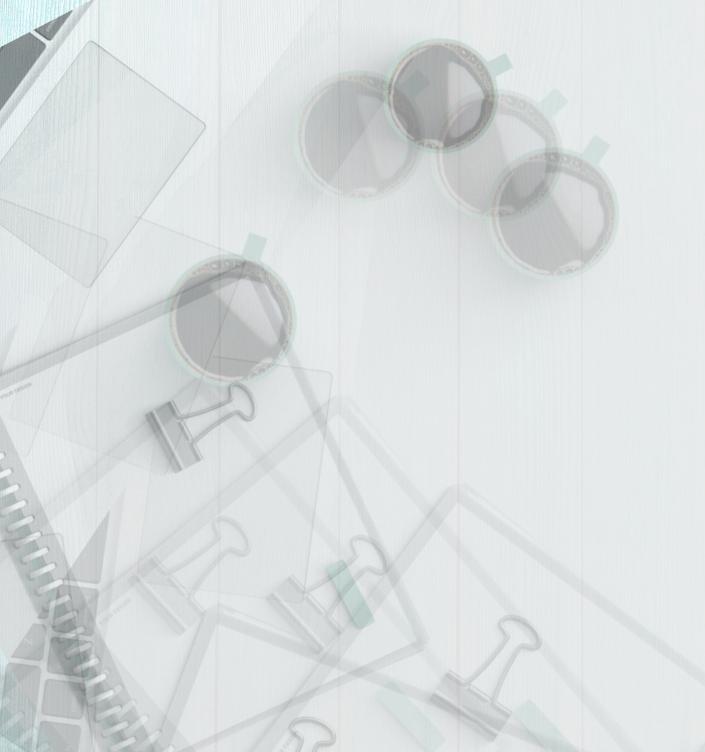
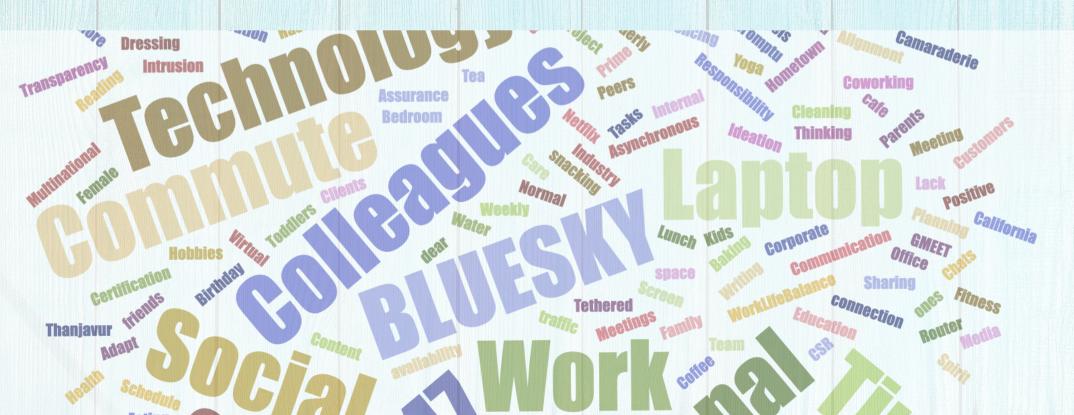
WORKING IN COVID-19 TIMES Findings from a July 2020 survey

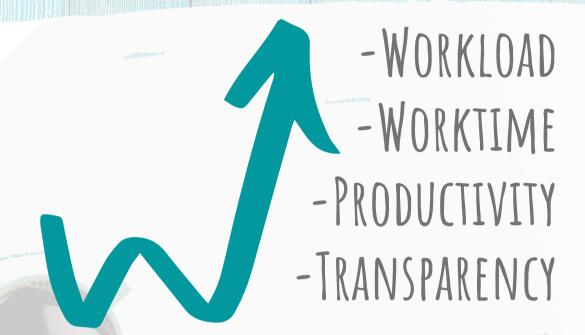




Our 35 respondents, from entry level to CEOs, located in India, The US & Gulf ME, work in sectors such as Auto, BFSI, Industrial, Media, Professional Services, Technology including start-ups and large firms. We are grateful to them for sharing their Work From Home (WFH) experiences during these challenging Covid-19 times.



HOW HAS COVID IMPACTED YOUR WORK LIFE? Blurring of lines between Home and Work

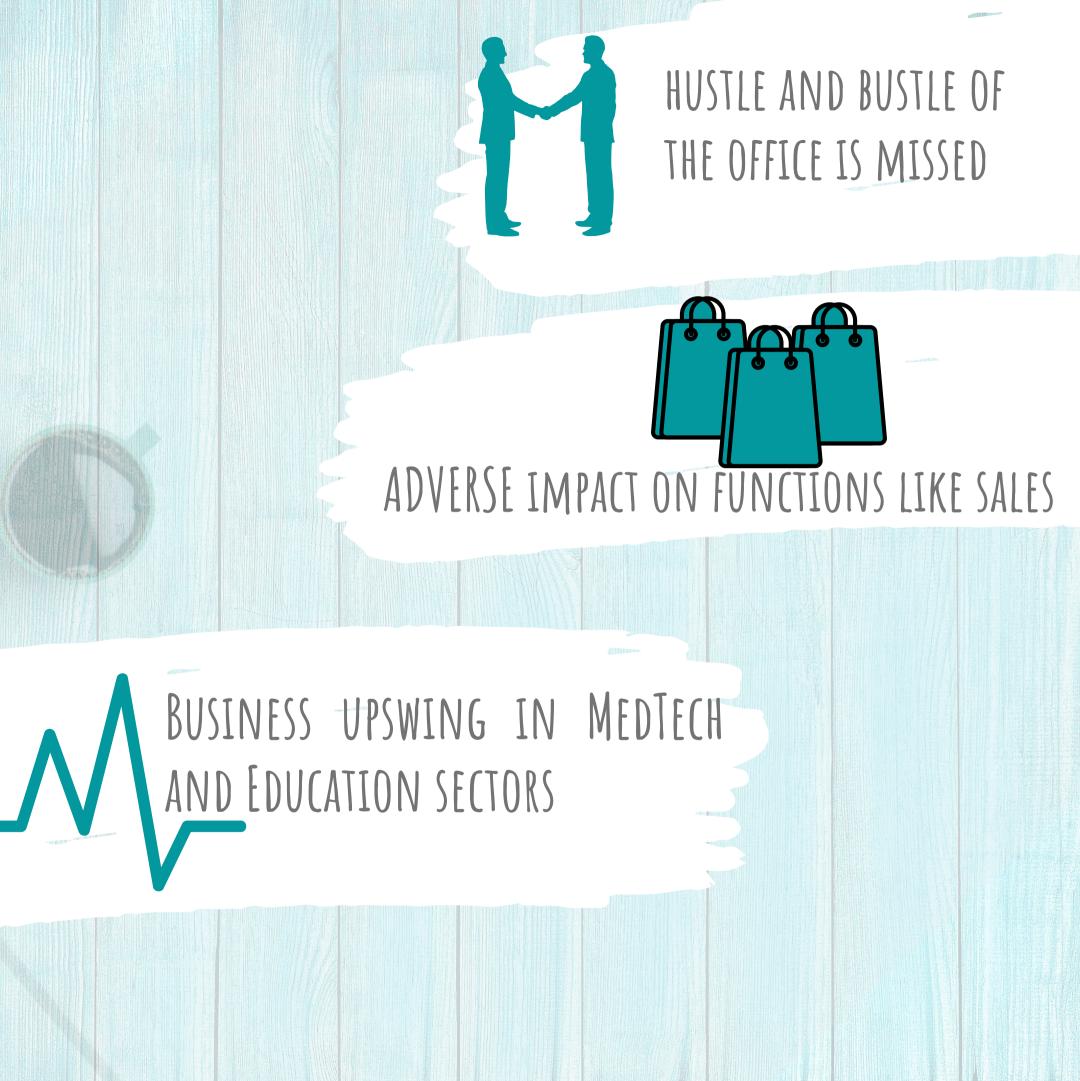




VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

- -IMPERSONAL
- -INHIBIT FREE FLOWING DISCUSSIONS
- NEED ADAPTING TO





SOLUTIONS TO WORK AROUND IT COVID-19 AFFECTING WORKLIFE?

Challenge: Sudden onset of work on all fronts



BETTER PLANNING & DISCIPLINE

INFRA

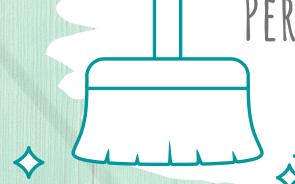


STAYING CONNECTED VIRTUALLY



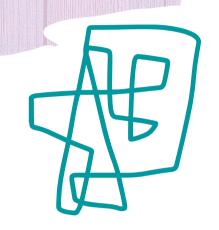
MORE FLEXIBILITY:

PERSONAL TASKS DURING WORK HOURS TO BALANCE WORK TAKING UP PERSONAL TIME



IF YOU ARE DOING 'WFH' CURRENTLY, HOW DO YOU FIND THE CHANGE?

No Boundaries. Family bonding.



DISRUPTIVE: MANAGING HOME/OFFICE WORK/YOUNG CHILDREN.

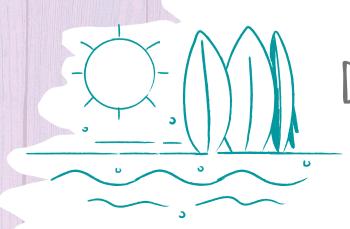
MORE PRODUCTIVITY
LESS DISTRACTION
NO COMMUTE



RELOCATION TO HOME TOWN

MORE FAMILY TIME

SHARING TASKS



DINING OUT, HOLIDAYS AFFECTED,

MORE NETFLIX, PRIME

DO YOU MISS THE OLD NORMAL: OFFICE **ENVIRONMENT, CHIT CHATTING WITH WORK** FRIENDS, COFFEE BREAKS, TRAFFIC JAMS...?



MORE APPRECIATION FOR ROUTINE OFFICE LIFE



IF WFH IS HERE TO STAY, OCCASIONAL OFFICE VISITS + MEET/BOND WITH COLLEAGUES NECESSARY



IN YOUR VIEW, WHAT HAS SUFFERED THE MOST BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES IN WORKING STYLE?

Loss of control over time!



PEOPLE INTERACTION, TEAM-BONDING, IMPROMPTU MEETINGS

MENTAL WELL-BEING CONFINED TO HOME

HEALTH FACTOR:

HIGH SCREENTIME, TETHERED TO
DEVICES, FITNESS OPTIONS LIMITED

CHILDREN'S LIFESTYLE:
SCHOOL, PLAYTIME AFFECTED, PARENTS AVAILABLE BUT
NOT ACCESSIBLE



GIVEN A CHOICE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE TO WORK FROM HOME WHEN NORMALCY RETURNS, WITH OFFICE VISITS ONCE IN A WHILE? DO YOU THINK IT WILL WORK?



BENEFITS OF WFH OUTWEIGH
THE DRAWBACKS

WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN THE OPTION AFTER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL...

HOW DIFFERENTLY HAVE YOU BEEN SPENDING YOUR TIME DURING COVID-19 TIMES?



READING A LOT OF ONLINE CONTENT

SPRING CLEANING OF THE HOUSE

EXERCISES WITHIN LIMITS.
HEALTHY EATING



SPIRITUALITY FOCUS.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TESTING CULINARY SKILLS - COOKING, BAKING REVISIT HOBBIES.

ENROLLED FOR ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSES



TAKING UP SIDE GIGS DURING SPARE HOURS

BONDING WITH FAMILY.
RENEWED 'LOST' FRIENDSHIPS



OUR TAKEAWAYS ON THE SITUATION

WFH HERE TO STAY.



BENEFITS ABOUND!
PEOPLE IMPROVISING TO ADAPT TO
THE NEW NORMAL

SOCIAL LIFE BEING REINVENTED.
PRIORITIES CHANGING,
PERSONAL VALUES & FAMILY BONDS
TAKING PRIORITY

MORE EMPATHY, TOLERANCE SURGE IN COMMUNITY AWARENESS.

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AT HIGHER LEVELS



THOUGHTS FOR BUSINESS LEADERS

- SHOULD WFH BE DEFAULT IN FUTURE OPERATING MODELS? WILL IT IMPACT BUSINESS STRATEGY?
- HAVE EMPLOYEE PRIORITIES CHANGED? WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WILL THEY NEED GOING FORWARD?

