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Career Progression of Women Executives across Demographic Variables in Service Sector of India

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Abstract-This study explores the demographic factors regarding the career progression of women executives and unveiling barriers related to women career progression, focusing on sectors viz., education, banking, health and IT and insurance. By using descriptive-cum- explorative research design, data of 400 female executives across four metropolitan cities (Delhi, Pune, Hyderabad and Bangalore) is collected. Structured questionnaire with 25 statements of five point scale has been used to collect data. Twenty five statements capture into six factors viz Organizational Encouragement, Masculine Culture, Managerial Aspiration, Family Support, Mentoring, and Insensitive policy and three statements capture demographic profile of respondents. ANOVA is used to depict the demographic variables across career progression. The findings revealed that career development of women executives are significantly influenced by organizational encouragement, masculine culture, managerial aspiration, family support, mentoring, and insensitive policy. The study emphasizes the critical role of demographic factors played in either conserving or deconstructing the cultural and structural impediments that restrict women's career advancement. This study offers valuable understanding for developing strategies to promote women executives career progression within the service sector.

Keywords- Career Progression, Gender Inequality, Social Capital, Family Support.

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Introduction

From past few years many studies were conducted on gender diversity and females' career progression. Majority of research focused on females on board and upper management team, but there is no specific sector had been covered (Das, & Jha, 2024). Indian service sector viz., education, finance, healthcare, and hospitality, engage a considerable number of females. Despite considerable number of female employees, women are markedly less represented in top management. This imbalance brings an examination of the beliefs and attitude of male leaders, who primarily hold these top positions (Dhingra, & Singh, 2022).

In recent decades, there has been rise in the countless highly educated women professionals across different sectors. Since the late 20th century, many female employees have joined the career occupation. Skilled women workforce in India had increased (Ramli et al., 2016). This happened due to advancement in the education system, technology, higher awareness, innovative techniques and an increase in standard

of living. All these facilitates them to travel out and choose their career opportunities. Indian female employees are engaged and employed, they must work hard for recognition by their colleagues, superior and their society (Shalini, 2024). These perceptions give broad understanding of systemic barriers faced by females and recognize opportunities to increase women role in leadership. Male leader's attitude and belief play an important role in creating the workplace culture and affecting the career development of women executives, specifically in the service sector. Researchers often highlight the "glass ceiling" as the main barrier to women's advancement, traditional narratives propose that a "sticky floor" may be more significant, where women advance to middle management further development unsuitably difficult than their male counterparts (Schnarr, 2012). Research continuously shows that divergent teams have innovation, gender diversity, creativeness and boost overall organizations performance. Barriers like lack of mentorship opportunities, limited access to executive roles and work life balance challenges impede women's development (Lakshmidevi & Geetha, 2024). These hurdles are mainly composed of differences in leadership styles and gender socialization, as male and female experience leadership through different lenses (Budworth & Mann, 2010). Men are often perceived to have traits commonly related with managerial success like assertiveness, competitiveness and ambition (Kumar & Patel, 2023). These rooted perceptions play a part in the under-representation of female in top leadership roles, as females mainly face high benchmarks for promotion and see more critically during recruitment and performance evaluations. Research shows that male superiors mainly rate women staff lower in leadership capability, specifically in male-dominated industries (Bosak & Sczesny, 2011). Likewise female must continuously outdo men to be judged for promotions, as the benchmarks for their career development got illiberal (Lyness & Heilman, 2006). In performance assessment, while women staff may be perceived for their positive characteristics, but they are repeatedly assigned more negative attributes compared to their men counterparts (Smith et al., 2019). Female are viewed more praising when their roles highlight communal and nurturing qualities whereas males are rated highly effective when leadership roles line up with masculine traits (Eagly et al., 1995). This gendered bias creates a "double bind" for females, where they are essential to balance both communal (caring, empathetic) and agnatic (authoritative, assertive) qualities (Zheng et al., 2018).

This study seeks to extensively examine how different demographic factors impacts the career progression of women executives in the service sector of India.

By examining the perspective of female leaders, the research aims to exhibit the structural challenges, cultural norms and underlying biases that may restrict female's opportunities for leadership. Acknowledging these dynamics is necessary for developing strategies that encourage gender equality in leadership and equitable work environment where both women and men can improve. Through a clear exploration of these factors, the study features the critical role of various demographic factors in either dismantling or perpetuating the barriers female face in their career development within the service sector.

Review of Literature

Research highlights those females in male-dominated profession such as engineering and IT face crucial barriers to leadership roles, mainly need them to outdo their male counterparts to advance. Even with these accomplishments, their efforts continuously ignored or under- appreciated (Clerc & Kels, 2013). The inequality in leadership frequently shows the under- representation of females in senior positions, specifically in the service sector. According to Dhingra and Singh (2022), in spite of policies aimed at encouraging gender equality, female still face a 'glass ceiling' that restrict their development to top management roles. This happening is carry on by gender stereotypes that support male leaders, and restrain opportunities for female leaders (Goyal & Gupta, 2023). However, there is increase in female participation in various sectors, still they are unable to continue their career for long run or move to senior positions. Attitude of society toward females are still same as earlier. This attitude results in increase in workplace barriers faced by females (Mohaley & Srivastava, 2025). Sinha and Raj (2023) shows that male leaders often associate females with roles requiring communication skills and empathy, which are mainly not related with leadership positions. This concept can hinder women's access to top management roles and increase gender seclusion within organizations. Male leader may play a part in this invisibility through ineffective implementation of policies intended to address gender inequality. These discrepancies result

in a separation between corporate values and gender equity, enabling masculine cultures to carry on (Galea et al., 2020). Such cultures also continue male leaders to manage control through unethical conduct, including harassment, which further restrict female career progression (Powell & Sang, 2015). Bhattacharya and Saxena (2022) state that traditional gender roles are mainly require women to focus family responsibilities above their professional goals, resulting in restricted growth opportunities. Female and male leaders' perceptions are mainly established through a gendered disparity, effecting evaluation of female employees. Leadership roles often defined by masculine traits like competitiveness and assertiveness tend to outcome in male leaders being assess more effective (Mukherjee, 2022). Male leaders may recognize female as less qualified of handling leadership roles, which strengthen the existing gender inequality in leadership positions (Verma & Srivastava, 2023). Female leaders are perceived more positively when leadership highlights communal qualities such as cooperation and empathy. Male leaders perceived these characteristics as less related with traditional assumptions of leadership, which can affect their opinion on female leadership capabilities (Heilman & Okimoto, 2007). The "double-bind" challenge locates female leaders in tough positions, where females are expected to show both communal and agnatic characteristics. Females must improve authoritative and demanding behaviors with caring (Zheng et al., 2018). Where male leaders may outlook this as a weakness, that hindering female leaders' development, mainly in top management, where female leaders are seen on the basis of social and professional competence (Steffens & Mehl, 2003). Successful female leaders at the upper positions are perceived by their opposite counterparts as symbolizing both communal and agentic traits, shows higher expectations for them than male leaders (Rosette & Tost, 2010). In terms of office policies, male leaders also hold negative views of flexible work settings and parental leave, observing them as unfavorable to women's career progression. As a result, females are unwilling to take advantage of these practices due to fears of impeded advancement (Huppatz et al., 2018). HR policies for women career progression have been mattering of interest in gender diversity and leadership research. Organisations who have bias free hiring procedure give equal chance to females to enter in the executive level. Bias free hiring can be done through obligatory diversity hiring and blind resume review. Females who have consistent mentorship are exposed to less organizational barriers (Aggrawal et al., 2025). Informal office norms, continuously reinforced by male leaders, leads to females experiencing partiality when gaining these benefits (Galea et al., 2020). Male leaders' prejudice sometimes shared by female employees can preserve informal work environment that disadvantage women and impede their return to the personnel and hinder career development (Begeny et al., 2020). Behavior of male leaders for female executive's career development are shaped by fixed office norms and insensible biases. Women may need to develop resilience to succeed in male-dominated industries. Structural changes within

workplace are essential to dismantle these traditional masculine practices (Vries & Brink, 2016). Khilji and Pumroy (2018) suggested that organizations should evolve to encourage more inclusive environments for female leaders to thrive themselves. Male leaders should play an important role in this growth by cooperating with female, they can reshape the dominant masculine environment that currently impede female career development (Vries, 2015). These results are harmonious with the findings of Subramaniam et al., (2013) for examine the relationship between demographic variable and women managers' career progression, who found that age, marital status, job level have important relationship with female managers' career progression. This is due to married women are highly pressurized and more responsible than unmarried women. Their career is highly influenced because of discouragement, demotivation from their colleagues and superiors and lack of support from their family and society. Women workforce face difficulties due to unfair nature of policies implemented by their organizations.

Women are progressively occupying high-ranking positions in organisations; however, study has produced mixed results about their impact on gender equality in the workplace they manage. We aimed to shatter new ground in the negotiator change literature by showing how power experienced by women in the highest workplace positions during their role socialization shape their impact on gender equality in organizations (Wiersma et al., 2025)

Research objective

1. To analyse the career progression of women executives across age, education qualification and working experience.

Demographic profile of respondents Table 1: Demographic Profile

Demographic Variables	No. of Respondents	Percentage	
Age (in yrs.)			
Less than 25	79	19.75	
25-35	166	41.5	
35-45	55	13.75	
45-55	57	14.25	
Above 55	43	10.75	
Total	400	100	
Education Qualification			
Graduate	124	31	
Post Graduate	105	26.25	
M.Phil/Ph.D	80	20	
Others	91	22.75	
Total	400	100	
Working Experience (in yrs.)			
Less than 2.5	78	19.5	
2.5-5	99	24.75	
5-10	183	45.75	
More than 10	40	10	
Total	400	100	

Research methodology

This research used a descriptive-cum-explorative methodology to explore the demographic factors about the career progression of women executives in service sector of India. The population target includes senior management executives from five sectors viz., education, banking, health, IT and insurance sectors of India. The sample was drawn through a multistage random sampling technique to choose metropolitan cities. Purposive sampling technique was used to select related organizations for the study. The sampling includes four major metropolitan cities viz., Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore with a set of 100 female respondents per city. 20 female respondents were targeted from each sector in one metropolitan city, amounting total sample as 400. Data was collected through self-structured questionnaire comprises 25 statements.

Data Analysis

Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) and one way ANOVA are used to achieve the research objective of the study. In the context of examining women career progression, 25 variables of different factors have been used to provide deep insight into how female employees views different direction of women's career

progression in executive roles. EFA was applied on 25 statements of self-structured questionnaire of the study. After applying EFA, six factors were extracted from 25 statements. Profiling of these 25 statements is given below.

Table 2: Profiling of Career Progression of Women Executives Scale

Codes	Statements
CPW1	I like how my company appreciates women to assume leadership positions by offering them challenging assignments
CPW2	I believe the organization's human resources policy is just and provides everyone with an equal opportunity to advance within the company based on merit

CPW3	I feel, the organization's bureaucratic structure is indifferent to the distinct demands of women managers
CPW4	I think that the pay system, which is based on "equal pay for equal labor," motivates me to pursue advancement
CPW5	Despite being legal, I believe that maternity leave is seen as a negative for the company since it permits extended absences from the workplace
CPW6	In the specialized training programme for female managers, I learn better
CPW7	The organizational structure, in my observation, favors male hierarchy
CPW8	In order for me to pursue advancement, I would like the company to implement family-friendly policies like crèches, boarding schools, and senior care facilities
CPW9	To assist me in planning my career, I search for mentors within the company
CPW10	I encounter the normal masculine opposition in informal networks
CPW11	Within the next five years, I hope to hold a position of more significance
CPW12	I believe I have the same potential as males to hold high managerial Positions
CPW13	I believe that male superiors are favored by subordinates and colleagues than female superiors, which inhibited me from pursuing advancement
CPW14	My family gives ample support to balance work and family obligations

CPW15	I am trying to develop a working style that will suits superiors
CPW16	I look for alternatives to develop managerial experience
CPW17	My supporting spouse, I believe, is a terrific facilitator for my professional Development
CPW18	I believe having a family or non-family caregiver available is a tremendous facilitator for work advancement
CPW19	Regarding professional recognition, I believe my goals are very high
CPW20	I believe that the transfer-related promotion policy discourages women from pursuing promotions

CPW21	Compensatory offs seem to be used more in rule books than in actual
	practice, in my opinion
CPW22	I favor organizations that assist women in integrating their many responsibilities and bringing themselves together
CPW23	I suggest that the company should implement a structured mentorship Programme
CPW24	I think, my desire to pursue advancement is stifled by the aggressive leadership styles promoted by the male culture
CPW25	I am appreciative for the informal mentors who have helped me develop the necessary abilities to take on more responsibility in my life

Source: Primary Data

Table 3: Sampling Adequacy Result

KMO and Ba	artlett's Te	est			
Kaiser-Meye	er-Olkin Me	asure	of Sampling Adequacy.	.831	
Bartlett's Test Sphericity		of	Approx. Chi-Square	10491.053	
Spirericity			Df	300	
			Sig.	.000	

Source: Primary Data

The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy is 0.831, indicating that the sample is adequate for conducting factor analysis. Bartlett's Test of Sphericity has a Chi-Square value of 10491.053 with 300 degrees of freedom and a significance level (Sig.) of 0.000, suggesting that the correlations between items are sufficiently large for applying exploratory factor analysis (Surucu et al., 2022).

Table 4: Exploratory Factor Analysis

Factor	Item Code	Factor	Communalities	Eigen Value	Variance
		Loading			Explained
Organisational	CPW2	.938	.893	6.660	26.641
Encouragement	CPW8	.909	.859		

	CPW4	.904	.866		
	CPW6	.881	.821		
	CPW1	.809	.709		
	CPW22	.797	.685		
Masculine Culture	CPW7	.933	.899	4.614	18.457
	CPW3	.910	.861		
	CPW10	.909	.862		
	CPW24	.897	.794		
	CPW13	.794	.688		
Managerial	CPW11	.936	.912	3.466	13.865
Aspirations	CPW16	.929	.908		
	CPW15	.900	.844		
	CPW12	.825	.737		
	CPW19	.805	.678		
Family Support	CPW14	.913	.908	2.410	9.639
	CPW18	.890	.896		
	CPW17	.849	.765		
Insensitive Policy	CPW20	.937	.924	1.724	6.895
	CPW21	.937	.916		
	CPW5	.735	.556		
Mentoring	CPW9	.846	.803	1.475	5.901
	CPW25	.815	.831		
	CPW23	.775	.735		

Source: Primary Data

Six factors were extracted from 25 items which are named as Organisational Encouragement, Masculine Culture, Managerial Aspirations, Family Support, Insensitive Policy, Mentoring.

Factor 1: Organisational Encouragement

Organisational encouragement is the first factor which includes six items i.e., "I like how my company appreciates women to assume leadership positions by offering them challenging

assignments, I believe the organization's human resources policy is just and provides everyone with an equal opportunity to advance within the company on the basis of merit, In order for me to pursue advancement, I would like the company implement family-friendly policies like crèches, boarding schools, and senior care facilities, I think that the pay system, which is based on "equal pay for equal labor," motivates me to pursue advancement, I favor organizations that assist women in integrating their many responsibilities and bringing themselves together, In the specialized training programme for female managers, I learn better". The range of factor loading vary from .797 to .938 and explained variance is 26.641. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Factor 2: Masculine Culture

Masculine culture is the second factor which includes five items i.e., "The organizational structure, in my observation, favors male hierarchy, I feel, the organization's bureaucratic structure is indifferent to the really distinct demands of women managers, I think, my desire to pursue advancement is stifled by the aggressive leadership styles promoted by the male culture, I encounter the normal masculine opposition in informal networks, I believe that male superiors are favored by subordinates and colleagues than female superiors, which inhibited me from pursuing advancement". The range of factor loading vary from .794 to .933, and explained variance is 18.457. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Factor 3: Managerial Aspiration

Managerial aspiration is the third factor which includes five items i.e., "I believe I have the same potential as males to hold high managerial positions, Within the next five years, I hope to hold a position of more significance, Regarding professional recognition, I believe my goals are very high, I am trying to developed a working style that will suits superiors, I look for alternatives to develop managerial experience". The range of factor loading vary from .805 to .936, and explained variance is 13.865. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Factor 4: Family Support

Family support is the fourth factor which includes three items i.e., "My supporting spouse, I believe, is a terrific facilitator for my professional development, I believe having a family or non-family caregiver available is a tremendous facilitator for work advancement, My family gives ample support to balance work and family obligation". The range of factor loading vary

from .849 to .913, and explained variance is 9.639. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Factor 5: Insensitive Policy

Insensitive policy is the fifth factor which includes three items i.e., "I believe that the transfer- related promotion policy discourages women from pursuing promotions, Compensatory offs seem to be used more in rule books than in actual practice, in my opinion, Despite being legal, I believe that maternity leave is seen as a negative for the company since it permits extended absences from the workplace". The range of factor loading vary from .735 to .937, and explained variance is 6.895. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Factor 6: Mentoring

Mentoring is the sixth factor which includes three items i.e., "To assist me in planning my career, I search for mentors within the company, I am appreciative for the informal mentors who have helped me develop

the necessary abilities to take on more responsibility in my life, I suggest that the company should implement a structured mentorship programme". The range of factor loading vary from .775 to .846, and explained variance is 5.901. All the values lies in the minimum acceptable criteria.

Career Progression of Women Executives across Different Demographic Variables Table 5: One Way ANOVA across Age for Career Progression of Women Executives

Factors	Age (yrs.)	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	F Value	P Value
Organizational	Less than 25	79	3.1407	.9076	3.784	.005
Encouragement	25-35	166	4.1336	1.1398		
	35-45	55	4.3426	.7713		
	45-55	57	4.0328	.9437		
	Above 55	43	4.2923	.7501		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Masculine Culture	Less than 25	79	4.1134	1.2796	2.898	.022
	25-35	166	4.0996	1.0349		
	35-45	55	4.1879	.5999		
	45-55	57	4.3352	.7668		
	Above 55	43	4.0914	.8562		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Managerial	Less than 25	79	4.2084	.8480	2.101	.030
Aspiration	25-35	166	4.0076	1.0503		
	35-45	55	4.0223	.9245		
	45-55	57	4.2873	1.0584		
	Above 55	43	4.0561	1.0196		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Family Support	Less than 25	79	4.6840	.9220	35.273	.000
amny Support					35.273	.000
	25-35	166 55	4.2214	.7824		
	35-45		4.1995	.9090		
	45-55	57	3.3301	1.1233		
	Above 55	43	1.0944	.5201		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Insensitive Policy		79	4.3795	.8090	7.673	.000
	25-35	166	4.2358	1.0136		
	35-45	55	4.3724	1.2405		
	45-55	57	4.1833	.7701		
	Above 55	43	4.0421	.8929		

	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Mentoring	Less than 25	79	3.5996	.8950	13.270	.153
	25-35	166	4.1421	1.1442		
	35-45	55	4.2897	.6491		
	45-55	57	4.0403	.9034		
	Above 55	43	3.4655	.3363		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		

Table 5 shows the result of one-way ANOVA test values. It shows that there is certain difference between women executive's career progression across their age. P-value less than 0.05 shows that there is significant relationship exist. From the analysis it is depicted that there is significant difference across age for organizational encouragement (.005), masculine culture (.022), managerial aspiration (.030), family support (.000), and Insensitive policy (.000). While mentoring (.153) has no significant difference across their age.

Table 6: One Way ANOVA across Education Qualification for Career Progression of Women Executives

Factors	Education	N	Mean	Std.	F Value	P Value
	Qualification			Deviation		
Organizational	Graduation	124	4.3283	1.0584	10.771	.000
Encouragement	Post Graduation	105	4.1386	1.0003		
	M. Phil/	80	4.3457	.7707		
	Ph.D.					
	Others	91	3.0583	.9439		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Masculine Culture	Graduation	124	4.1835	.6628	3.631	.013
	Post Graduation	105	4.0946	1.0248		
	M. Phil/	80	4.0999	1.2087		
	Ph.D.					
	Others	91	4.2288	1.1035		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		

Managerial Aspiration	Graduation	124	4.1867	1.008	2.186	.034
Aspiration	Post Graduation	105	3.0593	.8984		
	M. Phil/ Ph.D.	80	4.1286	1.1006		
	Others	91	3.0729	.9882		

	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Family Support	Graduation	124	4.0545	1.0860	.765	.514
	Post Graduation	105	4.0254	.7921		
	M. Phil/	80	4.1322	.7291		
	Ph.D.					
	Others	91	4.0714	1.2756		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Insensitive Policy	Graduation	124	4.0489	.9729	3.653	.013
	Post Graduation	105	4.1650	.9167		
	M. Phil/	80	4.3075	1.1423		
	Ph.D.					
	Others	91	4.0132	.9519		
	Total	400	3.0000	1.0000		
Mentoring	Graduation	124	3.2994	1.2920	9.972	.000
	Post Graduation	105	4.1324	.7606		
	M. Phil/	80	4.4171	.7946		
	Ph. D.					
	Others	91	4.1116	.7857		
	Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		

Table 6 shows that there is certain difference between women executive's career progression across their education qualification. From the analysis it is depicted that there is significant difference across education qualification for organizational encouragement (.000), masculine culture (.013), managerial aspiration (.034), mentoring (.013), and insensitive policy (.000). While family support (.514) has no significant difference across their education qualification.

Table 7: One Way ANOVA across Working Experience (yrs.) of Career Progression of Women Executives

Factors	Working Experience (yrs.)	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	F Value	P Value
Organizational Encouragement	Less than 2.5	78	3.1737	8590	6.315	.000
	2.5- 5	99	3.0189	.9581		
	5-10	183	4.0697	.9476		

More than 10	40	3.6110	1.3450		
Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Less than 2.5	78	4.2124	.8591	2.311	.076
2.5- 5	99	4.0486	1.1291		
5-10	183	4.0033	1.0384		
More than	40	3.2787	.6007		
10					
Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Less than	78	4.1830	.7804	15.078	.000
2.5					
2.5- 5	99	3.5279	.7164		
5-10	183	3.1060	1.1666		
More than	40	3.4646	.5809		
10					
Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Less than 2.5	78	3.8131	.6785	32.037	.000
2.5- 5	99	4.4633	.9413		
5-10	183	4.1834	.8690		
More than	40	4.3550	1.2540		
10					
Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Less than	78	4.0055	.9186	11.549	.000
2.5					
2.5- 5	99	4.2335	.7470		
5-10	183	4.0528	1.1045		
More than	40	4.8091	.8034		
10					
Total	400	4.0000	1.0000		
Less than	78	4.0017	1.0035	6.646	.000
2.5					
2.5-5	99	4.3348	1.2751		
5-10	183	4.9224	.8601		
More than 10	40	4.3782	.4755		
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Table 7 shows the result of one way ANOVA test values. It shows that there is certain difference between women executive's career progression across their working experience. From the analysis it is depicted that there is significant difference across working experience for organizational encouragement (.000), managerial aspiration (.000), family support (.000), mentoring (.000), and insensitive policy (.000). While masculine culture has no significant difference across their working experience (.076).

Conclusion

Career progression is a process that makes a person's work identity. The significance of this process is shown by the nature and quality of employees' lives. It includes the type of person they become. This study is providing valuable information into how women executives face the complexities in their career progression. The objective of the study is to examine the relationship between career progressions of women executives across demographic variables. Exploratory Factor Analysis and One-way ANOVA are used to depict the difference between women executive's career progression across age, education qualification and working experience. This study demonstrates that demographic variables do indeed influence not only on career progression but also on development of leadership traits in women executives. According to the study age influence career progression of women executives in many ways. Young women executives focus more on career progression and seen more interesting to work for long working hours. Educational qualifications are a critical component of career success, providing various skills and knowledge base Whether through formal education, specialized certifications, or ongoing professional development, the right qualifications can increase job opportunities, enhance job performance, and pave the way for long-term career advancement of women executives. By investing in their qualifications and continuously updating their skills, women executives can ensure they remain competitive, relevant, and prepared for the challenges of the modern workplace. Study also implies that women employees' organizational experiences may be more influential in shaping their views towards their career advancement process. job experience can be fruitful for career growth and advancement of women executives, It can assist women executives to gain skills, excel in job applications, and to prepare for a fulfilling career in desired field and organization. The study focuses the need for organizations to prioritize policies and practices that support work-life and promote career growth of women executives. By recognizing the differential impact of demographic variables on career advancement, organisations can customize their strategies to fulfill the diverse requirements of their women employee at the work place.

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