

A Day in Office

In the morning as one steps outside their house a very common sight can be seen. We can see a number of people travelling with a sense of hurry in them. All of them trying to reach their respective offices on time. Ensuring that it is not one of those days when they reach late to their office.

After spending long hours in schools and colleges and gaining their diplomas and degrees one is finally ready for the office life. An office or any workplace for that matter is of great importance for any individual considering the amount of time one spends there.

In addition to the time spent in office, time spent while travelling to and from office is also important. Importance of travelling can be seen from one of the surveys conducted in Mumbai. According to the survey among the topics discussed by the office going people, discussion about local train transport surfaced the maximum number of times.

In the modern age of today it is not hard to imagine one's office environment, a laptop or a desktop in front, a phone at side, colleagues sitting around and boss's cabin down the way. My office is also all of this and much more. Let me put some light on my office. To start with let's discuss about one important character in any office "the Boss". My boss Jimmy Travis believes that life is a story that has to be told and as life goes on so does his stories, with one story connected to another and another.

Ours is a big company divided in many departments and I am part of a small team. Generally all the teams are defined by some characteristics unique to that team; my team is defined by change. No, it doesn't refer to changes in the team but to the location of our office. When I joined the company I got to know about a rumour about our team that within days of our team shifting to a new office, news of shifting to another location comes. For the first 8 months I took it as a rumour, not any more. Our top management might be thinking that our team is so overloaded with work that we will not get enough time to explore the city. So they keep changing our location to give us a city tour.

The female ratio of our team is pretty good. While the female ratio of the group is at 1:5 our team has a ratio of 4:5. Our team can also boast of the diversity present in the team with team members of different states, shapes and sizes working together.

Given the time one spends in the office it is safe to call it a home away from home. If we break the 24 hours of a working day we might be able to comprehend it better. Say in ideal condition an employee is able to reach office around 9'o clock and leave by 6'o clock. Though we all know how often this time may get extended let us take 9 – 10 hours in office. Now to this we'll add time taken to reach office and reach back home. Given that one will have to traverse through the rush hour of traffic both ways we can take 2-3 hours in travelling. In addition to this we need to add 1 hour for getting ready for the office and also 1 hour in the evening to unwind. Adding another 7 hours of sleep that one should take we come to a figure of 22 hours. In the remaining 2 hours one will have breakfast and dinner after making it. Do any leftover office work and any urgent shopping or washing if required.

We can see that office is easily taking majority of one's time in a day. Thank God for weekends.