

MUSCULOSKELETAL PROBLEMS OF ARTISANS IN INFORMAL SECTOR- A REVIEW STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The present paper reviewed on musculoskeletal problems of the workers in unorganized occupations viz., jewellery making, pottery, stone carving, metal craft work, wood carving and patti work. About 15 studies collected from International and national journals were examined. The purpose of the study is to understand the nature of musculoskeletal problems faced by the artisans, the techniques that were used to assess the musculoskeletal problem and the interventions that were suggested for relief. There was no quantifiable technique in the studies to prove musculoskeletal disorder, thus only the musculoskeletal problems were identified. Nordic musculoskeletal questionnaire was the standardized qualitative technique used in the studies. High prevalence of musculoskeletal problems in the form of pain in body parts and discomforts were reported by the artisans. Ergonomic interventions and personal protective measures were the major interventions suggested in the studies.

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