Walkover University Program

Pecha Kucha

Still Chasing Success

Slide 1 🡪 Introduction

A very warm morning to one and all, I am Kashish Ahuja, a student of Integrated M.Tech (IT) from IIPS-DAVV, currently in 5th sem. Today I’m going to give a Pecha-Kucha presentation on the topic “Still Chasing Success.”

Slide 2 🡪 Why the topic

I chose this topic instead of any current hot topic because these are incidences of my life and everyone would be better able to connect with the presentation and me if I myself am connected to topic.

Disclaimer: Failure word used repetitive times.

Slide 3 🡪 Celebrate your failures

Like everyone, I am afraid and embarrassed to accept my failures, but I thought why not accept them, rather show them off like we show off our success. So with a lot of courage, today I will be accepting and showing of all of my failures to you. The next slides are a series of my failures, failures, failures, and failures and a little bit of success.

Slide 4 🡪 Collage (Mix)

Now you must be thinking what the heck this is. These are my biggest failures and also my biggest success. Chess, painting, IIT-JEE exam and tech field. Ok, don’t get confused; let’s take one at a time for better understanding.

Slide 5 🡪 Chess

In school, it was compulsory to choose a sport and I chose chess because I was too lazy for any other physical sports. Quite a reason. But slowly I developed interest in it.

Slide 6 🡪 Collage (chess certificates)

Feels good to see so many certificates, right. Well, not really, as all of these are participation certificates, none of them says winner or runner-up. I started playing chess in 5th class and took part in lots of tournaments, but never won a single one till my 9th class.

Slide 7 🡪 Collage (chess medals)

Finally in 9th class I won my first tournament and then the series began, I won many tournaments, played for UTD, played for Indore and MP, represented DAVV in inter-university tournament. Secured 3rd position in CBSE west-zones and got selected for nationals, but I couldn’t secure any position in nationals.

Slide 8 🡪 Did I succeed?

Some would say that chess would be called my success when I become world champion, grand master, women's grand master, or at least made a professional carrier out of it. But for a girl who failed terribly for so long, who has so many certificates but all said participation, representing Indore, Mp and DAVV is success. Winning at states and getting to play at national level is a success. A huge success.

Slide 9 🡪 Painting

I started painting in class 10th as a co-curricular activity and gradually developed interest in it. I chose painting as an optional subject in for class 11th and 12th. It was a tough choice because CS was the idle option as I wanted to continue in technical field.

Slide 10 🡪 Collage (bad paintings)

But I wasn’t this good from the starting. As you can see, I was a terrible failure when it came to painting. And I used to get a lot of scolding from my painting teacher.

Slide 11 🡪 Collage (good paintings)

I had to stay after school, bunk other lectures and work extra hard to complete my submissions and practice for final exam and finally I was prepared enough and scored 99/100 in my final 12th boards examination.

Slide 12 🡪 Work speaks for itself

Again for someone, who couldn't hold a brush properly, couldn't decide the colors properly, success isn’t when I would hold exhibitions or sell my paintings. Being able to make such paintings worthy enough to show to someone is a success for me. Paintings that I am proud of is a definitely a success for me.

Slide 13 🡪 My biggest failure

I failed at clearing IIT-JEE, even the mains. Like it has two exams first mains and then advanced, so, I couldn’t even clear mains.

But I got admission in DAVV which is a good thing.

Slide 14 🡪 Still failing

Even in college, I am failing every day and trying every day, learning various technologies, languages, competitive coding, trying to get internships and more.

Slide 15 🡪 Collage (tech certificates)

In technical field, I learned many languages, participated in many coding challenge, volunteered in communities, contributed in open source programs, and I am still trying to do a lot more.

Slide 16 🡪 Towards success

And finally I got and completed an internship and got selected for Walkover University Program, and got a chance to learn a lot. Well, this is not exactly success for me but it is a major step towards success.

Slide 17 🡪Collage (Projects)

I worked on many live projects and made an Instagram account for posting tech related content and my projects. These projects contribute in my success, but it is not success yet, still trying to achieve success in tech field.

Slide 18 🡪 Final words

Ok, that was all about my journey, my failures and success. It’s now time for some final words.

Define your own success

Don't let anyone else define your success. Don't let anyone tell you that you failed just because that's how they define success.

Early success is no good

Don't give up; don't get sad or depressed if you fail at first. You'll get everything when you deserve it, and early success will do nothing but boost your ego. While on the other hand failure will teach you a lot.

Slide 19 🡪 Celebrate your failures

We have heard celebrate every tiny success. But accepting failures is as important as celebrating success. We should even celebrate failures.

Continue trying and continue failing, try again, and be satisfied when you accomplish your own definition of success.

Slide 20 🡪 Still Chasing Success

And until then I will be still chasing success. Thank you.