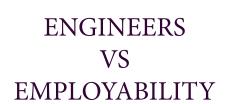
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FROM THE DEPARTMENT

In the Indian education system, the curriculum survives on 70% theory and 30% practical; while the western education has 60% of practical and 40% of theory. A change is required to make the system more practical. The universities are planning for including skill development in the curriculum. For better employment and prospective, colleges need to adopt value-added courses and conduct hands-on sessions in core-engineering to focus and improve on the demanded skills.

- Dr.B.Venkateshulu

ECE

There's a growing gap between engineers and their employability and that gap depends both on individual and their university. Indian universities' curriculum provides basic theoretical knowledge but lacks in providing practical knowledge. There is no proper interaction between industries and universities due to which students are not aware of the industry's expectation and fail to reach it. Faculty should also be exposed to industry so that they could understand the present problems and guide their students accordingly. Hence to bridge the gap, universities' curriculum should be modified in a way that every individual could grasp a deeper understanding of fewer concepts rather than having large number of concepts with no proper fundamentals. Also, students should be given interesting projects to enhance their practical knowledge.

In other words, universities, should adopt "Learning by doing" approach.

Reason for unemployment even after so many engineering graduates- Education system today does not give the students proper skill sets to be successfully employed. Today's education has more competition and pressure for gaining marks and scoring in exams rather than practically understanding the subject or skill you must have. Another big reason to why Indian graduates are left unemployed is their target to earn money and status in the society, rather than wanting to contribute to the society. Students do not have to work so hard to get into an IIT just to earn money and fill their banks. Graduates should stop chasing money and should be encouraged to contribute to R&D by researching in the subject they have chosen, their skill will be kept to the right use and there will be a huge contribution to the society. This will also build more jobs in our country.

> - Dr.K.Rama Linga Reddy ETM

-VOICE

FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Most of the engineers are not capable of employment because of lack of skills like designing and ability to transfer their knowledge. Companies now need hands on experience in building up skills, henceforth students should be provided with experience to work on conceptual knowledge. There is a great need for change of attitude by students towards education. Their domain about education has narrowed to marks. It is high time that students extend their domain from marks to conceptual knowledge and attain a good grip over the subjects. Faculty and students should work proactively. There is plethora of opportunities for students to learn, improve their skills and make themselves fit for industry, hence their chance of employment depends on how they utilize these opportunities.

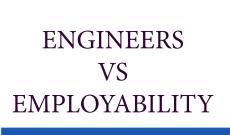
> - Dr.P. Aparna H & M

As many as 97 per cent of graduating engineers want jobs either in software engineering or core engineering. However, only 3 per cent have suitable skills to be employed in software or product market, and only 7 per cent can handle core engineering tasks. Though the quantity of universities, colleges and programs are increasing continuously in the country, the lack of quality education persists. Profit-hungry managements, lack of skill education, focus on rote-learning methods, and shortage of faculty (both in quantity and quality) are the major issues in engineering education. Engineering graduates are collecting their degrees despite not being skilled enough to be a productive part of the Indian economy.

> -Dr. M. Seetha CSE

In most of the engineering institutions the course curriculum is, by and large, theoretical in nature and students are not made aware of the applications of the theory in industry. The programs and their course content reflect lack of interaction among academic institutions and industries. Factors working behind an engineer's employability include ability to apply the concepts learnt, lack of skill-based education, lack of proper English skills, disregard of essential soft skills, state of the economy and location factor.

- Dr.I. Ravi Prakash Reddy





FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

In my opinion, Engineering or in fact becoming an engineer doesn't just mean earning a job. The rush towards being employed right after engineering is very common since a long time. Clearing all subjects, finishing off with B. Tech and then getting right away into a job is not enough anymore. Being exposed to the industry and having a practical approach of doing things is what is necessary in the recent times. We have been looking at unemployment among engineers and this is continuing to grow at a fast pace. Moreover, the current curriculum provided to the students might not give enough time for practicality to all the students. In such situations, students can consider higher studies before employment. This gives them sufficient time to be exposed to the industry and also helps in building their knowledge even further. Doing this increases the chances of being employed, and good wages and recognition can be expected.

-Shreya Makineni ECE 3/4 Editor-in- chief

A huge number of engineers graduate in India every year but the grim reality is a handful of them are employable. Most engineers lack proper communication and leadership skills, which cannot be taught in a span of four years. They fail to perform well in logical, critical reasoning and numerical ability sections of the aptitude test. While technology changes at a rapid pace, syllabus updating occurs only after several years. Moreover, the curriculum has been designed to focus on theoretical learning rather than practical. Thus, students lack adequate knowledge and understanding of basic concepts

-Prachi Mathur IT 3/4 Editor-in- chief

The number of engineers graduating every year is growing exponentially. To survive in this employment bottleneck, students are diverting from the traditional ways of learning which includes more of hands-on session and jumping into that slot where it is quite easy to gain a good percentage. Attending a placement drive is to market your skills. The good the marketing, the better job you get. Engineers today lack the ability to communicate to the companies what knowledge they have. The employability vs. engineers graph will have a positive slope provided the students learn rather than been taught how to make their identity in the required sector by learning their pros and cons initially, ponder for the right opportunity and utilize to the fullest.

-Bhargavi Rudra CSE 3/4 Interviewer 4

-VOICE

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There are hundreds of engineering colleges spread across the length and breadth of our country. But surprisingly the number of students being employed by IT Companies or any other companies for that matter are drastically less. A lot of engineering students are unemployed not just because they lack proper communication skills but also because of the fact that most of the engineering colleges in India aim at producing a great quantity of engineers each year rather than quality engineers. Apart from that, I think it also depends on the way a student prepares himself in his four years of engineering. Working and aiming towards the best, being goal oriented, having clarity of thought and an undying spirit will help a student in ways more than one. And irrespective of all the factors, once into engineering, it's always better to mould yourself in the best possible way in those four years and get ready to face the challenges of life.

-Gayatri Ingle ETM 3/4 Moderator

India is one of the countries in the world that produces a hundred thousand engineers every year. Most of them choose engineering in India because it is believed that it is one of the attainable degrees that ensures a job on completion. But to get a lucrative career one needs certain skills, beginning with soft skills and a strong technical foundation. Now, when the question of employability arises, not everyone has the skills required for the job. On the other hand, many jobs are getting outsourced to India from all over the world. Alas! Not all of these jobs are chosen as they are not in accordance with the students' requirement's. Best course of action to tackle this problem would be to ensure all your skills are up to par by practicing as much as you can.

-Aishwarya T

EEE 3/4 Moderator

Whenever a person says 'Engineering', the first word that comes to one's mind is 'Competition'. In this fast-paced world, students not only have to concentrate on their studies but also the opportunities that they would have to make for themselves. Knowledge and Co-Curricular activities are not enough for employers to select a candidate these days. So, to put it in short, what the companies look for is turning into something more and more specific day-by-day. I feel, instead of going aimlessly into everything, we (students) must pursue our interests carefully, which would help us gain what the employers are looking for.

- Sindhura S EEE 3/4 Photographer 5

FROM THE STUDENTS

We know that there a lot many graduates from the background of engineering than from any other course. There will surely be various ways of filtering out the best by the employers. In a way this might decrease the percentage of employment but is the only option left for such a huge number. No one can ensnare the person with right character and persistence based academic results. Thus, it solely depends on the individual to stand out of the crowd if willing to contribute or do their bit for the nation.

-Shreya Nalla ECE-C 3/4

Despite of the educational institutions' endeavor to make their students fit for the industry, companies are still complaining that they fail to find the needed skill and talent. In order to overcome this, there is a need to change the syllabus in a job centric way. Friendly interaction between students and faculty is necessary too. Maximum effort should be made by students in understanding concepts in depth, developing communication and outgoing skills, having good practical knowledge rather than just focusing on percentage. Students should be aware about all the upcoming technologies and try to be as intellectual as possible.

- Priya Rajan CSE-B 2/4 We find 80% of engineering graduates unemployed and one big reason for this according to me is the traditional obsession Indian parents have with engineering. Earning an engineering degree for the sake of settlement will not give the skill set to be employed in your respective field, specially keeping in mind the outdated syllabus we are forced to learn.

-Sowmya EEE 2/4

The main factors behind the unemployability of engineering students is lack of ability of students' application of the concepts learnt, the rote learning method, lack of quality education, lack of innovation and research etc. Most of the students are attracted to software packages and do not concentrate on their discipline subjects resulting in half-baked engineers.

- D Aparanjini Niharika ECE A 3/4

Students find that what they learnt is different from what projects they are given in industries. Their fundamentals are not strong enough to tackle the issues of present world. Due to this reason, not all engineering graduates posses the knowledge and talent to implement their theoretical knowledge, and industries find it difficult to separate the talented from bulk.

"Pep Talk"

NAINA SARDA ETM 4/4

Before joining, you think of it as a dream; after joining you wonder why was it your dream; and while leaving, you want more this dream; yes, that is GNITS.

I was from a Convent School where the environment was very strict but we had a lot of exposure to various aspects of self-development. Then Sri Chaitanya happened; about which I needn't tell anything.

After being in these two drastically different academic institutions, I was skeptical how GNITS would be to me. If I have to define the past four years here, I,d tell that it has been the last stroke to sharpen a sword and like the final touch to the icing on cake. Might appear little exaggerated but it did make a lot of things better in my academic life and boosted up my morale to be the "initiator; reasons being the several platforms available as opportunities and the encouraging environment. Another fact about GNITS that I considered an advantage was it being a women's college, the opportunities to take up big challenges were higher and therefore boosted up my skills in the ones I volunteered to take up. Since second year, I've been leading "Telestorm, the technical club of ETM department. It required me to be a good speaker, organizer, motivator and un-biased



person to conduct different events every week. The amount of improvement at a personal level is massive and all thanks to the opportunity. I presented a couple of papers and I realized it all zeroed down to nothing because I uttered what I barely had any clue about. After attending workshops, seminars given by dignitaries, debates and participating in hardware design projects, I realized they helped me more. I also got an opportunity to be a part of Technology Entrepreneurship Program by ISB and it was one of the right choices I'd made at GNITS. I had also organized an "idea-based event during technical fest at GNITS which was new of its kind.

Something that I always found solace in was writing. It began when I came across a book titled "Unposted Letter by T. T. Rangarajan, the founder of whats now known as "infinitheism. The book beholds the power of transforming anyones life, just like it did mine. It was never looking back from then. Quotes and inspirational thoughts became like an extended self of mine and if there is someone who's words never fail to fascinate me every single time, it would be the 13th century Persian writer, Jalal addin Rumi. In one of his quotes he mentions, "Everyone has been made for some particular work and the desire for that work has been put in every heart." It fills a lot of hope in me when I recall these words when I'm at my lowest. Being a part of GNITS gave me easy chances to get a job. But hailing from an Electronics background, I aim to continue in the same field and thus, I plan to appear for GATE examination. I also plan to attempt the AFCAT exam to join the Indian Air Force and a couple of other exams where I have chances to apply for job as an Electronics Engineer. Besides these career choices, I aspire to continue fuelling my core hobbies of writing, gardening and cooking. For all the people reading this, especially the ones younger to me, my only word of suggestion is that when you're struggling in those moods when you lose hope in life or you don't know what you'll become, remember, that everyone has been made for some specific work and the desire for that work has been put in every heart. You only should continue doing what you should be doing without giving up. Just like how you are seeking your dream, your dream is seeking you. I bet that if you put enough faith and focus at the right time and right thing for you, happiness and career would not be two different things from then on. Good luck to all of you, for living a life less ordinary.

MEGHANA GOWNI ECE-B 4/4



I still till date remember my first day of college at GNITS. That day I told myself two things-"Keep all your inhibitions aside and have the best time of your life". These words have constantly kept me motivated and proved me right during my time at GNITS. The very first instance was where I have received tremendous support from both my peers and the faculty for starting a student newspaper. And today I stand with pride to see how far a vision has successfully turned into its 5th Edition. I have



recently been placed at the reputed organization-Deloitte. I am looking forward to work at Deloitte soon and learn a great deal of things from the organization. I have won many awards as delegate in MUNs. I have also served as the Executive Board member of JNTUH MUN and secured prizes in technical presentations at CBIT and GRIET. I have been a delegate at the Hyderabad Youth Assembly (HYA). Currently, I am also a student in the TEP course at ISB. I have done two internships in Hyderabad during my time at GNITS. I have been a member of the prestigious "Literaria Clava in GNITS since my first year and have been elected as the Joint Secretary, Secretary and not so recently the President of the club in the consecutive years. Besides all this, I am a certified Scuba Diver and diving is something I am really passionate about. I have made amazing friends during my first year and till date sit in the same bench with them. Friends in college can be one of the greatest

gifts. With the support of my Parents, teachers and friends (and obviously a little bit of my determination too), I believe I stand where I am today. I suggest the juniors to work in relevant internships as it would give them invaluable insight into workplace. I personally recommend students to work an year or two and then head for further studies because as essential as it is to have a Master's degree it is equally important to have work experience too, which will not just teach us many a things but shall be one of the most lucrative investments we make for our lives. Finally, as a fourth year student, I would advise all the students to utilize every opportunity that GNITS provides us with and at the same time explore the world outside to achieve your intended goals.

S.TEJASWI EEE-A 4/4

I've participated in sports (badminton) and represented the college for the same for 2 successive years. I held the post of CR, ISTE coordinator, persona member, NSS volunteer and many more prestigious posts successfully in this college. I've presented technical papers and given poster presentations in our college as well as other colleges and secured prizes. One of my achievements which I am very proud of was receiving first place in badminton while representing our college. Our project done in KTPP on topic generator and its protection methods on 500MW generator is submitted successfully. I am blessed with an inspiring father who is there in every step I take and encourages me in whichever field I am interested in. I wouldn't be here now if not for this wonderful college, for which I'm always thankful



and grateful for providing me various platforms and always letting me prove myself and my abilities. My long-term goal is to see myself as a strong social worker. I've been trying and will strive hard to reach that goal. But before that I want to excel in my core subjects and also in projects related to other fields. In my experience and growth, I've learnt that the most precious thing in life is time- it runs very fast when we want things to be done, so we shouldn't expect things to happen in one magical night. Be eager for the things coming up to you and be prepared for those beforehand. Complete every work sincerely in the given time. Remember hard work always makes sense, it doesn't go waste and helps in some way or the other at some time or the other.

SOWMYA NARALA CSE A 4/4



I am presently pursuing my final year in Computer Science. The four years that I spent in this college have been a great learning experience. I learnt many lessons for life through college and learnt how to survive in the real world. GNITS has helped me realize the worth of balancing academics with extracurricular activities and I tried to do this all through my engineering. Our college has given me the oppor-

tunity to hold a few positions of responsibility in the past four years - the class representative and placement coordinator of my section and website designer of our technical fest Ignium 2k16. I have grown from being a coordinator to the joint Secretary of ISTE.I was recruited as the Microsoft Student Partner for the year 2016. I had also been an active participant and award winner in multiple technical events like paper presentations, coding contests, project expos, etc. My family, school and college have helped me inculcate habits that made me what I am today and I am sure will help me in the future as well. A person I have always looked up to has been Steve Jobs. He is one of the most talented person I have ever seen. My goal is to be like him. My short-term goal is to gain some experience in the real-time industry and then pursue masters, after which I want to set up a firm of my own. Through this firm I



would provide employment to some people in the society and also give back to the places that helped me grow in life. I would like to tell my juniors that it is very important to grab all the opportunities that come our way because I strongly believe that one opportunity gives rise to another. To get started, in the very first year of college itself nominate yourself for every post that needs to be filled because these roles of responsibility will greatly help you in the later stages. Also, I think it is very crucial to maintain a fine balance between academics and extracurricular activities because in our institution and various others, strong academics imply more opportunities.

POOJITHA SURRA IT-B 4/4

Everything would have been the same if we didnt update ourselves with the latest technologies. Knowing the working behind these technologies became my passion and hence landed in taking Information Technology as my specialization. GNITS taught me how well we can connect these technologies to our daily life. It has laid a path in my life which helped me in identifying my strengths and weakness. Being the Class Representative for 3 years, I learnt the meaning of teamwork. Apart from consistently performing well in my academics, I have always been an active participant in all the events. I have presented papers on "Biometrics" at IITH, "Pervasive Computing" at MGIT and



"Vehicular Adhoc and Sensor Networks" at GNITS and won Second prize for it. I had won first place in Debugging contest conducted by MGIT and a cash prize of Rs.1500/- for securing first place in Poster Presentation on the topic "Vehicular Networks" conducted by Vasavi College of Engineering. These presentations helped me improve my communication and interpersonal skills. I also pursued a certification course on IOS Application Development at Path Creators and my mini project titled "Resume Builder" which provides its users with an easy way of creating professional resumes. I am also developing a website for my father's company, Aantic Pool Solutions. I believe that nothing can be achieved without working hard and I have learnt this lesson from my father who is an engineer and my role model. My parents are my constant support who always boosted up my confidence levels and helped me in facing the challenges of my life with courage. My HOD sir and all my faculty members always mentored me to choose the right path. I would like to implement what I have learnt till date and gain practical knowledge as a Software Developer. Later, I would like to pursue my Master's and Ph. D in Computer Science field. My advice to all juniors is to break the shell around them, accept challenges as they come and participate in as many events as possible. Try doing online courses that give you knowledge and help you to stay connected with the outside world.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announce that mosquitoes in Miami Beach, Florida have tested positive for traces of Zika.
- Russian Ambassador shot dead in Turkey: Six detained over envoy's murder
- China returns seized underwater drone to US; terms handover as 'smooth and friendly'
- Pope Francis canonizes Mother Teresa, officially making her Saint Teresa. The celebration takes place in Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City amongst a large crowd of people from all around the world.
- The Internet Company Yahoo! confirms that they were hacked back in 2014; over half a billion accounts were compromised—the hackers stole names, passwords, birth dates, and email addresses. Yahoo is urging their users to change their passwords immediately.
- ISIS Kidnaps Hundreds of Civilians outside Mosul: On Nov. 8, 2016, ISIS kidnaps almost 300 civilians in Tal Afar, a city 47 miles west of Mosul, Iraq.
- Fidel Castro Dies, Castro was the revolutionary communist leader of Cuba for almost five decades, railing against the evils of imperialism.
- Janet Reno dies at the age of 78 from Parkinson's complications at her home in Miami-Dade, Florida, Reno was the first woman to ever serve as the U.S. Attorney General, in office for 8 years.
- François Fillon secures his nomination as the center-right candidate in the presidential election in France next year. Fillon's victory over his opponents surprise many.
- Samsung announces that they will buy Harman International Industries Inc. for \$8 billion. This will move Samsung into the automotive industry and is Samsung's largest overseas acquisition to date.



Donald Trump wins the 2016 U.S. presidential election. He

will be the 45th president of the

United States. Trump is the first

candidate to reach the 270 electoral

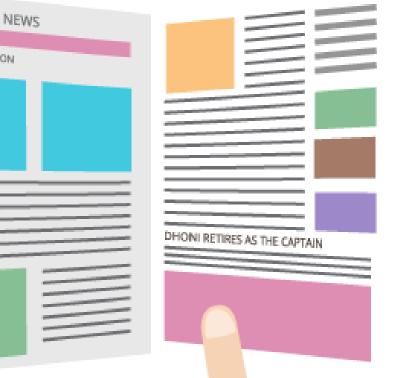
vote threshold, and wins three major

swing states, including Florida, Ohio,

and North Carolina. Sanjana Mantri ETM 2/4

NATIONAL NEWS

- The Rio Olympics helped the women steal away all the limelight this time. Despite sending the largest contingent ever from the country, many athletes failed to rise upto the expectations. But the showstoppers were certainly, the two wonder women P.V.Sindhu and Sakshi Malik.
- On 24 September 2015, India's globally acclaimed MOM spacecraft, widely known as Mangalyaan successfully completes one year of mission life around Mars.
- Indian athletes achieve qualifying standards and rock even at the Paralympics. Devender Jhajharia,
 Deepa Malik are some of the names that outshine and bring in the medals for the nation.
- The launch of Reliance Jio creates buzz as it offers a unique combination of telecom, high speed 4G internet data, digital commerce, media and payment services at low or no cost.



- Many killed and thousands evacuated as Cyclone Vardah triggers heavy rains of destruction in the Indian city of Chennai.
- The sudden death of the dazzling CM of Tamil Nadu J.Jayalalitha popularly known as "Amma" leaves behind tears and fuss.
- India conducted "surgical strikes" against Pakistan in the late September receiving a lot of acknowledgement from the government publicly but also inflicting heavy casualties.
- Nation recites a new word-"demonetization", after the ban of 500 and 1000 Re notes. In order to fight corruption the country saw its citizens develop patience as they stood in long queues outside the ATM'S and banks.

LOCAL NEWS

- Demonetization hits fee collection in private schools
 - The government has distributed garbage bins for 14,22,000 households in the state.
 - In innovative move, Telangana government to launch bike ambulances
 - Yasin Bhatkal, 4 others sentenced to death in 2013 Hyderabad blasts case
 - Hyderabad police bags nation award on e-governance for Hawk Eye app
 - Telangana govt. has created 5 lakh jobs in2 years: KT Rama Rao11

Telangana to have 5,303 km of National Highways: KCR

 SRK receives honorary doctorate from Hyderabad's Maulana Azad University

> Anupama Sharma EEE 2/4



"Modi does a Lee Kuan Yew to stamp out corruption in India."

-The Independent

"How India's currency ban is hurting the poor"
-BBC

"The plan, top secret until Mr. Modi's announcement, was hailed by financial analysts as bold and potentially transformational for India. It is also a high-stakes experiment,"

-The New York Times

IMPACT OF DEMONETIZATI

The whole nation received a huge blow on 8th of November. Narendra Modi took a salient decision which had left millions of citizens flabbergasted. The old 500₹ and 1000₹ currency notes are no longer in use. Like any other decision, it has also received both bricks and bouquets. It was a powerful move to stop corruption, terrorism and black money. Even after few months the act has been implemented, public is still facing trouble with queues in front of banks and ATMs which have only become longer with time. On the other hand, there are a myriad of scandalous persons who have been exposed. Online transactions increased exponentially. The other major benefit is that people have to disclose their income while depositing money in banks. All the tax revenue goes to the government which in turn can aid public by spending it for good roads, infrastructure and facilities for poor and needy. All in all, morals like equality for all and honesty is the best policy are being in effect. Above all, the act of demonetization gave us hope for a better nation.

> -Amulya Metku IT-A (2/4)

Our government announced a method to sweep out the black money much to the shock of the citizens. More than half of the country supported it but what is the actual purpose of demonetization? The answer is very clear-to wipe out black money, but is it actually helping the country?? Again the answer is crystal clear- NO!! Few days ago in mid-December 7 people were caught with bundles of new 2000 rupee notes when actually some people are dying for a single note. Where did these come from is the biggest question. Who is to be blamed? Are the bank employees the reason for this or the politicians?? Stating someone wrong is the biggest blunder. Government passed the law but it should also take care whether the act is being implemented properly or not. This is the third time India is implementing this law after independence. The first two times nothing changed then how could the government actually expect to change our country this time. In fact people are more aware and clever now, so demonetization won't affect them much. It is the common citizens who are being exploited. Corruption is still showing its venomous side even when the nation is trying to stop it. Therefore, I feel DEMONETIZATION is a bane for

the country.
-Shivani B.
ECE-A (2/4)

With the rate at which corruption continues to rise, it is no surprise that the government is thinking of ways to curb it and the subsequent black money procured. This led to Demonetization, a policy which works towards putting a stop to terrorist activities-funded by counterfeiting current notes-and tackling issues like black money and corruption. This unexpected move has rattled the nation. In my opinion, this is both a boon and a bane. Maybe this will lead to a decrease in corruption. Certainly, the announcement with no warning shocked many people neck deep in black money. A substantial amount of money was seized before it could be made white. On the flip side, the lives of the common people have been thrown into disarray. The banned notes were the highest used denominations and with demonetization, the country is struggling to make ends meet. The long hours of waiting in queues at banks are proving to be futile as the new notes issued are exhausted very soon. The government's aim of e-commerce and going cashless has put millions in a fix. The people should have a choice whether to go cashless or not. The government's plan to decide it for us does not showcase a democratically elected system.

-Richa A. ECE-A (2/4) "India's Great Bank Note Switch Appears To Be Working – \$30 Billion In Rs Deposited In Banks.obvious chaos, but so far at least it looks as if it is working.rather well done, a clever plan." -Fobes

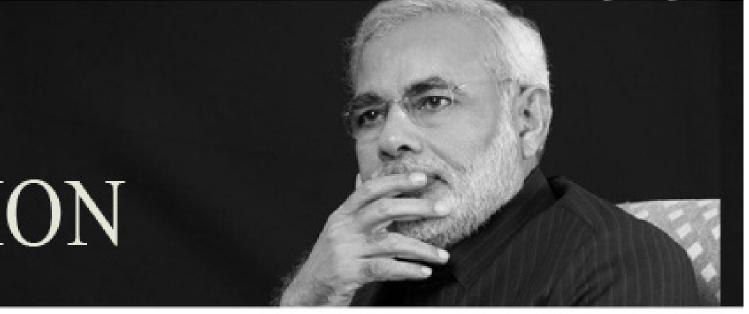
"India's Black Money Experiment shines bright for bonds"

-Wall Street Journal

"It is a bold move. Digitising India, and making it work well, truly will have a beneficial effect,"

-Sundar Pichai CEO Google





Demonetizing is depriving of value for official use. Our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has made a revolutionary call of demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 on Nov 8th 2016. By this, black money stored in the form of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes will be taken out of our system. This has lead to temporary turmoil in the country. Mr. Modi has focused on the menace of black money and has come out with something that would have a deep and long lasting impact on the country's economy. This is the best opportunity to catch hold of people who have unaccounted money stashed in cash in denominations of demonetized currency. However the common man has suffered for a while in order to exchange money. But, because this move will go a long way to help curb the overwhelming influence of black money in several sectors of economy, enduring the pain for a while has not been taken as a big deal as future of the country is going to benefit out of it. This move will help bring down inflation, it is very helpful to banks as they will step into cashless chamber, interest rates will also go down. Hence I support that demonetization is a boon to the country as it contributes to its wel-

> fare. -Priya Rajan CSE-B (2/4)

The demonetization of Rs.500 and Rs.1000 notes of Indian currency is projected to be the solution of the increasing black money in India among the elite. India is a country of masses, 70% of Indians belong to the lower middle class section of the societies as shopkeepers, vendors and farmers. The amount of manpower wasted in waiting in lines for exchange of currency is humongous. I can't seem to imagine how our economy will crash. Of course, prices are down, but that's because the market has slowed down. This plan has many potholes-the difference in the size of the ATM slot and new note, no prior printing of new notes, etc. If the government truly wanted progression of India, Rs.3600, 000, 00, 00,000 (36 thousand crore) wouldn't have been sanctioned for building historic memorials and used for the betterment of the society. What happened to the list of black money holders from Swiss Banks promised to be exposed and punished? Demonetization is a bane according to me, because it has failed to affect the people it should've, has given a legal way to convert black money into white for the bigwigs while severely disrupt-

ing the lives of the masses.
-Tazbia Fatima

IT-B (2/4)

9 out of 10 people around us must have debated about the drastic move of our Government called demonetization. It was on 8th November, when Prime Minister of India-Narendra Modi declared 500 and 1000 rupee notes ceased. The announcement was a shock to the country, there was no warning, no run-ups to announcement. India's most popular currency denominations was removed from circulation, everyone became dependent on their debit and credit cards. After couple of days, banks started issuing new 2000 and 500 rupee notes.

The step was taken confidentially by the Government to reduce the corruption in the nation and also to reduce the usage of these notes by terrorists. "The social impact of the demonetization exercise has been earth shattering for common man on the street" said, MonishankarPrasad, the New Delhi based author. One of the problems I faced was scarcity of ATM's in rural areas and also studies reveal that nearly half the country's population is without a bank account. Ban of these notes may likely affect our day to day life, but the exchange of notes will put a full stop to corruption.

-Krishna Sneha CSE-C (3/4)

Comic Banter

-T Sneha CSE-A

Exam Time!!

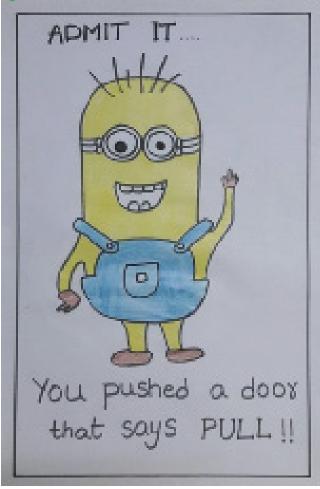


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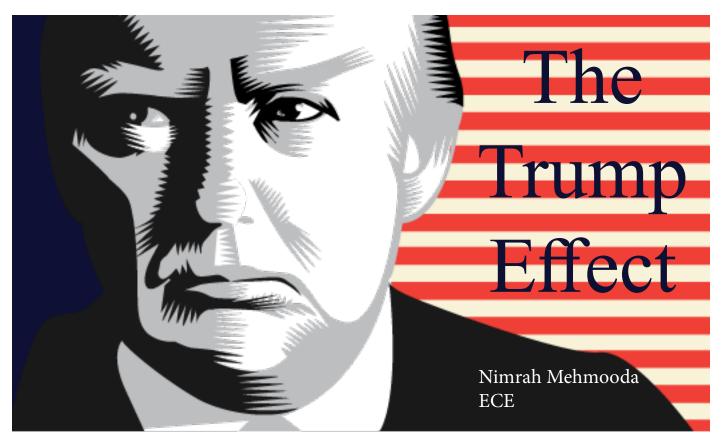
we've all done this!

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Urghh! Monday Mornings...





2016 saw the ugliest, nastiest election campaign in history. There were scandals, controversies and a lot of vitriol thrown at each side. And the fateful year that 2016 was, it ended with Trump getting elected. Donald Trump defied the expectations and hopes of all pollsters, journalists, academicians and politicians as he beat Hillary Clinton to become the 45th President of the United States.

Amid all his controversial stances and policies on domestic and foreign issues, the one that perhaps affects Indians by and large is his stance on the H1B visa. Donald Trump earlier in his election campaign vehemently opposed what he alleged was the 'abuse' of H1B visas by software companies, which he claimed hired cheap labour from India and other South East Asian countries thereby denying Americans their jobs. After winning the elections, his transition team reaffirmed his commitment to 'scrap' the H1B visa, or to heavily revamp its use. What can this mean for the Indian engineer?

Among the proposed modifications was granting the H1B visas to only 'highly qualified' workers who must hold a Master's degree, and getting rid of the lottery system to grant H1B visas. The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a prominent professional organization in the United States, has repeatedly called for reforms in the visa programs, calling for scrapping the lottery system which the US uses to grant H1B visas, and replacing the system with which grants the visas to the highest paying jobs first. Appointment of Senator Jeff Sessions, a long-standing critic of the H1B program as the Attorney General of US by Trump does not paint an optimistic picture for the future of H1B program and workers either.

Those who will be hit hard by this recent crackdown on the H1B visa program will be consultancies and outsourcing agencies, particularly Infosys and Tata Consulting Services, both who have been accused of abusing the program to substitute IT jobs with cheap foreign labour. There is no denying that India has been benefited majorly by the HIB visa program, which allowed US companies to outsource jobs and hire foreign workers willing to work for cheaper costs. The

top recipients of H1B visas were outsourcing firms which were all Indian, with Tata Consultancy Services topping the list. Globalisation has helped India expand business in service sector boosting its economy since the 1990s. US's rollback on globalist economic policies is quite opportunistic on US's part and can significantly hurt India's economy and employment scene.

With lakhs of engineers graduating every year in India, most of who end up working in the Information Technology sector regardless of the branch they major in, the lack of global opportunities could mean severe competition for domestic jobs and a looming threat of unemployment. H1B visa requirements may include a mandatory Master's degree in future, which means that Indian engineering graduates who plan on working in with the US on a H1B platform must pursue higher education. It is safe to say that the new generation of engineering graduates who wish to secure their career must now look for alternatives like pursuing post-graduation degrees or working in PSUs, both of which require one to prepare for GATE, or other alternatives like MBA, etc.

Gizmos Himaja, Richa

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DIET SENSOR SCIO FOOD **SCANNER**



Yes, we all have made diet plans but could not successfully follow it without cheating a little. Most of the time we do not even know what our food is made of. Trying to track what you're eating is important for the dieters, but it's even more important for those with adverse medical conditions like Diabetes. To save all our diet plans diet sensor comes to our rescue. This little gadget is capable of scanning the chemical makeup of the food or drink at hand, analyzing whether or not it's something you should eat given your dietary conditions. It can only do one piece of the food at a time and has to use a multistep app to do the job, but it's kind of astounding that it even works in the first place. Price: \$1000-\$2000

RAZER PROJECT **VALERIE**

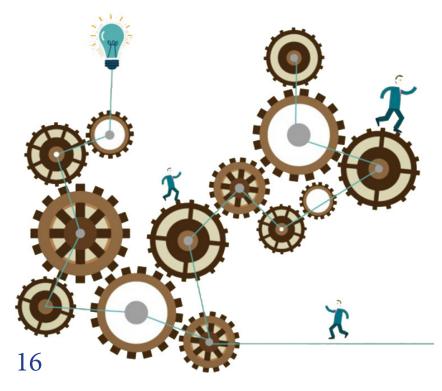


We all love video games and we do not like to settle for anything but the best. Project Valarie is the world's first laptop to have threebuilt in monitors. It basically combines three 4K displays into a single 17.3-inch notebook. The three screens will have a total of resolution of 11520 x 2160 pixels. That's enough to give gamers a true immersive experience. The Project Valerie notebook is powered by an Nvidia GeForce GTX 1080 graphics card and a top-end Intel processor. Project Valerie looks straight out of a sci-fi movie, but we never know whether Razer will bring its concept laptop to the market.

SHIFTWEAR

We all aim to match the day's clothes with the right pair of shoes, preferably matching said clothes. But, this puts a sizeable dent in our parents' wallets. Well, worry no more! A new pair of shoes, Shiftwear has taken the world by storm! This pair of chameleon-like sneakerscan change its colours and designs when customized via its Android, iOS or Windows app. The shoes have HD colour e-paper screens which display pictures, patterns and animations. The shoes are durable and waterproof, which makes pattering around in the rain an no-concern thing. The Shiftwear is machine-washable, so playing around in the mud is no problem, either. There is a built-in backlight available to switch on at night and display your designs to the world. The battery lasts for up to 30 days without recharging and the best part? You can charge these shoes wirelessly or by walking! We can't really ask for anything more! Price: \$349-\$499





MICROSOFT Holo-Lens



We've all wistfully watched Iony Stark make plans to save the world and whatnot using holograms and wished to do that, someday. Not saving the world, but using holograms. With Microsoft's new HoloLens, all this and more is possible! The Lens can be used for a variety of reasons, from prototypes of your possible new inventions to playing your favourite games in a completely new sense! The HoloLens is an augmented reality experience, with the added benefits of holograms. It's becoming increasingly popular with the companies for commercial use and also individuals, with ideas and innovations that come alive with the touch of a button. Price: \$3,000-\$5,000

Cliff Hanger..

- HIMAJA CH ECE-B (2/4)

A Beautiful Mind

"Hello" a groggy voice said.

"Dr. Vikas? The painting winked. The painting winked at me! This can't be happening, no, not again. How could this happen? I was so careful, so punctual, how could I let this happen again? I took all my medications, I'm sure of it; I've never missed a single day since they were prescribed. This is horrible. I don't want to fantasize, I hate being a schizophrenic. Why can't I just be normal like others? Is that really too much to ask?" I quickly said into the phone.

"Calm down my child and tell me what you see", he said.

Dr. Vikas has been a family friend for a long time. And he is the only one who was not afraid to talk to me when I disclosed that I hallucinate. Initially, when my family was informed about my vivid imaginings, I was treated very differently. The love they had showered on me all my life slowly transformed into hatred. They were embarrassed to take me out to social events and usually left me home alone. Finally, they decided to abandon me.

Dr. Vikas is the only family I have.

"Other than the painting? I see.....see Hans playing with a remote-controlled car in my bedroom. He comes to the TV room sits in front of me for some time and returns to his play. I can feel heavy breathing on my neck from time to time, but when I turn around I find no one. Today morning I saw an old lady preparing breakfast for me but I could not eat the food."

"Are you absolutely sure that you haven't missed a dose?" Dr. Vikas asked.

"I'm sure, I took it in the morning", I said as my voice panicked.

"Lilly, calm down. We will figure out why this is happening. Did you take the pill I prescribed?" "I'm sure I did", I said with a doubt.

"Now, we need to be absolutely sure if you took the right pill. Will you check your medicines again just to confirm?"

"I understand, will check right away". I got up from my couch from where I could see the little playful boy Hans enjoying his time with the toy car. I made my way to the desk in the study room and opened the drawer where I usually place medicines.

"Cetrizine", I said.

"What?" Dr. Vikas asked.

"Cetrizine. That's what the bottle says", I said "that's what I took this morning".

"No, Lilly. That's allergy medication".

"What?" I asked. I had heard him clearly, but I couldn't believe I had made such a stupid mistake. "Cetrizine is used to treat allergies". He said. "I prescribed chlorpromazine".

Looking closer into the drawer I noticed a fallen medicine bottle tucked in the corner. I must have knocked it sometime yesterday. I picked the bottle and put it back in its place. I usually put my allergy pills on the right and schizophrenia on left.

"I see the mistake I made. Thank you, Dr., Vikas, I'm going to take it right away".

"Good luck, Lilly. Call me if you need anything else" he said.

"I will, bye"

"Good bye"

Keeping my mobile into my pocket, I shoved a pill on my hand and grabbed a water bottle. After taking the pill the noise of the remote-controlled car fainted but Hans stood in front of me slowly fading. He smiled at me and waved a good bye. I waved back as he disappeared.

"Everything's going to be fine", I told myself. In mere seconds a cold breath swept across the back of my neck.

Down the Road Anupama, Sowmya EEE

Now that we are entering an important phase of our lives, the decision-making phase, the only thing that is being talked of is placements. While going the safe route, and opting for a job in a software company is certainly not wrong, there is always another choice out there which might be better suited for you. Following are a few of the career options that are unorthodox and fun. This article will help you explore few of the wackiest and coolest jobs offering a high pay. While a few might be technical-oriented, also are some totally uncustomary ventures. Apart from the common unconventional jobs like dance therapist, tattoo designing, sommelier, fireworks designing etc., we have put together a list of fun and unconventional ones.

Imagineering

Imagineering, as the name itself suggests is a result of combining the words "imagination" and "engineering". Imagineering is the art of implementing creative ideas into practical form. All of us are great at imagining stuff in the virtual world. This is a job to be taken up by those who can transform and transfer their ideology from the virtual world to reality. Several engineering specialties are being hired by Disney, including control systems engineering, electrical engineering, audio visual systems engineering and mechanical engineering. If you're interested in Disney's imagineering, consider doing an internship or co-op with them.



Ethical Hacking



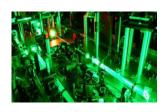
This next one is for all the hackers in town. Those who hack friends' social networking accounts for fun, those who are good at cracking passwords and unlocking a locked system, those who spend a majority of their time experimenting with various codes – this is a great way to put those grey cells to a good use. This time, you can all crack the security of computer systems and get paid for it. There are a lot of huge enterprises out there who look for ethical hackers for various security purposes. All you need is a good knowledge of coding in different programming languages. You can start your career by interning for an organization and then convert it to a permanent job. In India, institutes like Indian School of Ethical Hacking and Institute of Information Security offer various courses in ethical hacking. There is also a short course of 15 days offered by Arizona InfoTech in Pune.

Flavour Chemist

This is a job which requires a proficiency in flavours and the knowledge of chemistry. They are the ones who add flavours to the food and make it taste good. Not just food, a Flavorist has job opportunities in various sectors like food & beverages, cosmetics, fragrance, toothpaste, etc. Some of the colleges that offer a course in this field are – Indian Institute of Hospitality and Management, Mumbai; SRM University: Department of Food Process Engineering, Ghaziabad, UP and Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore.



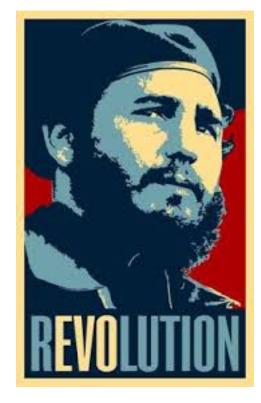
Photonics



This is a course which arises out of optical technology and electronics, popularly known as photonics. The study deals with photons, the elementary particles of light. People with a colossal interest in science and curiosity to know more about it are best suited for this course. A Photonist can work as an engineer, scientist, researcher and professional officer in many companies and government offices. The work provides an opportunity to design photonic equipments. Due to lack of specialists in this field, photonics specialists are in great demand globally. Some of the colleges that offer courses in Photonics are- International School of Photonics, Cochin, University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Cochin, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi and Chennai, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal.

Tribute

Nisha Nair EEE



Fidel Castro – The Poor Man's Hero

Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz, known around the world as Fidel Castro was a Cuban revolutionary and politician who governed Cuba as Prime Minister from 1959-1976 and as President from 1976-2008. He was the first Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba from 1961-2011 and was a Marxist – Leninist in his idealism. The socialist reforms under his administration had openly threatened the United States to an extent that their government spent several years and unsuccessful attempts to remove him by assassinations, economic blockages and counter revolutions, including the Bay of Pigs Invasion of 1961.

While at home, Fidel introduced central economic planning and expanded health care and education, internationally he supported anti-imperialist revolutionary groups and also sent troops to aid allies in the Yom Kippur War, Ogaden War and Angolan Civil War. He was the reason for the Cuba's profile on the world stage. Another important part of the social program was the infrastructural changes that came into existence like six hundred miles of roads and monthly target of eight hundred houses to provide for the homeless.

Six hundred and thirty-four assassination

attempts including bomb capsules in his camo shoes and food blockages which led to the country living on their infamous pineapples and watermelons for several years, never broke the visionary, the war diverticulitis did. On hearing about his recovery, US President George W Bush said: "One day the good Lord will take Fidel Castro away." Hearing about this, the atheist in Castro replied: "Now I understand why I survived Bush's plans and the plans of other presidents who ordered my assassination, the good Lord protected me."

In 1983, when India was hosting the seventh Non-Aligned Summit at Vignan Bhavan in New Delhi, Cuba'sv strongman Fidel Castro had arrived to handover the chairmanship to the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He had commented that he was happy and proud to pass the conference gavel to his "sister". But the action that defined the zeitgeist of the 1980's was when Fidel Castro pulled a shocked Indira Gandhi into a warmth embrace before handing over the conference gavel to her. It made all the 140 heads of state present to erupt in applause.

His death on November 25th, 2016 brought out various emotional statements. While Russian President Vladimir Putin described Castro as "A simple and reliable friend of Russia", Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India termed him "One of the most iconic personalities of the 20th century and a great friend."

All in all, he was the person who was feared by one vhalf of the world and respected by the other. He was a revolutionary in his thoughts and a true patriot in his heart.

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Think Piece

LET'S GET PACKING!

There are hardly people who do not enjoy travelling and there is another lot who live for travel. Well, personally I live somewhere in between; my heart loves to travel and my brain waits for the right opportunities. But you know what they say, 'In the end, we only regret the chances, we didn't take'. You never return as the same "YOU" when you get back home from a trip. Every tour to a never been before place teaches you things and shows you sides of the world you didn't know existed.

Travelling surely takes a lot of work and money but all in good returns. Perfect planning, itinerary, expenses and also timing. But if you really want to learn about the local crowd and lifestyle of the place you visit, the only way is to go BACKPACKING! It has always been a dream of mine to go on a backpacking and trekking trip and the best time period to do this is when you are still in college. You get to stay in youth hostels, village homes with the people in a cost-effective manner but you must be ready to leave your everyday luxuries like hot showers and comfy beds for this! Travelling alone on such trips let's you discover your inner self and can turn fun if you have some friends to tag along.

To guide you to the basics of travelling there are a plethora of books, travel blogs and pages. These are mostly written by people who have travelled a bunch themselves and dedicated themselves to a nomadic life. Basically, these are the people who have faced it all; the pros and cons et al of travelling. They teach almost everything from 'how to travel on a budget' to 'how to control the mental self on a trip'. There are YouTube channels dedicated to travel and wanderlusts. Two of my own favorites are Louis cole (fun for Louis) and Vagabrothers.

Once in a while wayfaring gives the mind and soul time to refresh and gather good energy and release the negative into a sink. Taking a break from the daily hustle-bustle never did any evil. So go ahead, step out in the open and take a travel 'Kit-kat' break!

-Sravya Boorugu (ETM 2/4)

YOU ARE THE MASTER OF YOUR OWN THOUGHTS.....

Your mind is the most powerful tool you have for the creation of good in your life but, if not used correctly, can be the most destructive force in your life. The mind takes control of our life with its endless chatter of thoughts about the past bringing about feelings that overwhelm us, therefore taking control of our decisions and actions in our daily life. The thoughts can be good or bad and have either positive or negative impacts on us. As our actions are a consequence of our thoughts, it is necessary for us to have control over our minds. But it is quite difficult to achieve control over our mind once it is distracted. To live our life to the fullest we should provoke thoughts for a healthy well being.

Our thoughts drive us throughout the day and positive thoughts fill in us positive vibes which automatically lead to healthy wellbeing and success in our life. We need to be conscious of our thoughts and observe our thoughts, and stay awake as well as alert. This could also be achieved through several practices like meditation, pursuing our hobbies and interests, reading good books, maintaining proper relationships and having belief in us. Hence, proper shaping of thoughts leads our subconscious mind to think properly and therefore act in the right way motivating us to achieve success. You Are Awareness. When you realize this, you will become the master of your mind instead of your mind being your master.

-Shravya N (CSE-A 2/4)

WONDER WOMAN

Feisty as fire
Full of desire
She thaws your frozen heart
An icy gale
That tells a tale
She is as sensitive as she is smart
She seizes the world with her graceful gait
An enchanting blend of every exquisite trait
She bestows you with life in her womb
Pledges her all till she reaches her tomb
She is a mother, a daughter, a wife and a
sister

It's not her purpose to be complaint to a mister

She has been the synonym of sacrifice forever What she duly deserves is your awe and revere

She is a beacon of light that guides you through the dark

With all her fervor she dispels musk and ignites a spark

She is the allure and charm of every season Behind every feather in your cap she is the reason

A deity manifested as human Every lady is a wonder woman.

-Nikhila (ECE-A 2/4)

AMIDST

Some memories deteriorate me,

Some thoughts haunt me.

They lure me with bright flashes,

And I fall prey.

I tunnel through a vibrant passage,

Suddenly, I am trapped in darkness,

Where dark clouds spell doom!

It is such a lonely place,

So hollow, so gloomy.

I am made a captive,

My arms are chained.

I see a flickering lamp,

I try to grab it,

Something pulls me behind.

I try harder, but the chords are tight.

I try even harder in exasperation.

In all this, the thing I lose is time.

It all dawns on me finally,

The thing pulling me behind is me.

And the lamp is the eternal reality.

It is me, who has to make the lamp radiant.

It is me, who has to demolish this dark castle.

It is me, who has to make the difference,

Between what I am and what I can be.

- Sushmitha Gaikwad

(ECE-C ¾)

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

Once upon a time,

A man set on a mission to climb

The highest mountain the world has ever known.

Up in the blue sky and made of stone.

He carried all the luggage

which became bigger with his age

he carried bags of his family, friend, responsibilities and

And all those which made him contended and happy.

He started off with a smile on his face

He knew he had to run his own race.

As he walked farther and farther

The bag got heavier and heavier.

"Carry less to travel more"

He read on his dads' page all tore

He left his bag of desires which was too huge to carry

He finally set it free.

He starved for food and water,

He encountered a man who would offer

A sumptuous meal but ran away with tvhe bag of gold

and glitter

He noted that there are no free lunches that the world

would offer.

He walked and walked

Leaving his unsolicited bags of luxury and comfort Finally his eyes meet the mountain's glorious pinnacle He knew that bags of family, friends and morals can do

any miracle.

- Amulya Metku

(IT-A 2/4)

Respect life- No Depression!!

I feel the pain. I know what it is to pretend to be a nice person when being a completely broken soul. People may sympathize with me but ultimately I am the one feeling the pain. The first thing that comes to my mind when I try to close my eyes is the broken heart. I try to hide myself in a room breaking off the existing relations. YES!! I'm in my 20's. In the process of moving on I lose whatever I have. The dilemmatic situation of moving on while thinking about the past on the other hand is the worst feeling ever!!!Depression swallows up our upcoming life. Is it actually necessary to get depressed for academics-NO!! But this is the major problem in today's teens. In fact, more than this, failure in love life and personal relationships tops the list of depression in teens. Rather than regretting in the future life it is actually better to understand the value of relations and the cause which lead us to depression well in advance. As it is rightly said, 'life is really precious, relations are very valuable.' People may come and go in our life but we have to respect them, staying with us forever. It's clear that depression is not the permanent solution for a problem and obviously not the temporary too. Everything happens in the life for a purpose. Try to understand it and stay bold.

-Shivani B

(ECE-A 2/4)

'Your life today is just a reflection of your past.'

K.A.R.M.A. Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. This isn't just one of the Newton's three laws, but it also has depth in it. It's about your thoughts, your actions and your beliefs. They have energy. They are a part of the universe and are powerful. Your thoughts and actions hit back lvike an echo. We all may have different perceptions towards life but, are connected somehow. Whatever you do, will always come back to you with the same intensity. Your thoughts and ideas build the world inside you.

Your actions build the world around you. You totally deserve that happens to you, whether good or bad. If not today, tomorrow, the same will happen to you, you did to others. There is no escape from karma. The universe won't let you escape karma.

-Akanksha

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Cyber Space

Nikhila P ECE

The world is on the fringe of a looming boom in Entrepreneurship. Per the Wall street Journal, three out of every four start-ups fail, but there have been several start-ups that made it big unexpectedly over the past few years. Albeit risky, start-ups give you greater responsibility, accountability, transparency and provide a multitude of opportunities for generalists to explore, learn, grow and create a huge impact. There were several entrepreneurial ventures that have flourished and established a firm foothold in the country in recent times. Few of them are: PayTM, Makemytrip and Pinterest.

PayTM

PayTM is an acronym for Pay through Mobile, which is one of the leading e-commerce websites, based in Noida. It has expanded at a smooth pace by its phase by phase market acquisition approach. The website started by offering mobile recharge, online bill payments and in 2014, the company launched a PayTM wallet, which became India's largest mobile payment service platform with over 150 million wallets and in a short span of time PayTM has scaled to 75 million app downloads. The usage of the app has escalated because of the recent demonetization of the 500 and 1000 rupee notes. It is a company focused to move forward and has an open culture where every employee is a handson contributor and feels comfortable sharing ideas and opinions.

Makemytrip Inc.

Makemytrip Inc. is an Indian online travel website founded in 2000 and headquartered in Gurgaon, Haryana. This company offers many online travel services including flight tickets, domestic and international holiday packages, hotel reservations, rail and bus tickets etc.

It has merged with and acquired several travel planning, hotel reviewing websites and few other travel booking websites, and stands as a pioneer in the online travel market. It all sprouted from the sole aim of empowering the traveller and went on to lead the entire online travel industry in India. Being one of the most data driven companies in the Indian ecosystem, Makemytrip provides an exhilaratingly fast paced work environment coupled with a meticulous focus on accomplishing the tasks.

Pinterest

Pinterest, a web and mobile application company that operates a photo sharing website, was founded in 2010 and has taken the web by storm, reaching astonishing double-digit monthly visitors in less than a year, faster than any other website before it. It provides several themes that interest teenagers, young adults, students and especially women, who make up eighty percent of the subscriber base. Not only does it provide a visual discovery and storefront for a host of topics but also allows companies to create pages aimed at promoting their business online. For aspiring interns or employees, it provides a fun, creative and collaborative work environment with an ambience brimming with creativity and happiness.









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