

'Plan your future, add learning & real world skills'

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You may not be able to predict the future, but you can put things in perspective now.

Completing standard XII and venturing into the next stage of education is a mission for a student and his or her family. Top skills required by students in the next five years, as reported by the World Economic Forum, are creativity, critical thinking and complex problem-solving. The ability of collaboration and communication is also essential.

Making a smart decision

Domains and disciplines to study are diverse, but one has to take a cautious call by collecting, collating and corroborating information based on the eligibility. Don't get victimised by peer pressure,

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wrong notions and pre-conceived ideas based on inadequate information. Visit credible websites for the discipline of interest and get to know the subjects taught, the syllabus, the opportunities available in the respective disciplines. Also, meet the right people to receive and understand details.

Follow Your Heart

Listen to your heart and mind, and consult family members. Any discipline can make a student successful if he/she puts in hard work, focussed efforts and is devoted. Once there is insight regarding the subjects and the academic structure, students can pitch it and check the interest, passion and concurrence levels. There is an option to pursue education in a college or an institute or at a

university. Institutes and colleges may be dedicated to a particular domain such as engineering or science.

A university system enables the possibility of learning and exposure to diverse subjects, right from law to psychology to technology, in addition to the core subjects of respective discipline.

Preparing for challenges

The difference between completing standard XII and undergraduate studies is that there is a harsh and real world to face after graduating. As a professional, one has to exhibit skills and the competence to create value for the organization where he or she works or in an entrepreneurial journey.

One way of going about it is as a natural extension of junior college, like most students do. The other way is go on a daring journey with perfect focus and clarity on what to achieve and how to achieve it. Make sure you write the CV right in the first year of how you want it to look after graduation. This clarity and self-vision can chart the right goals.

Getting There

- ▶ Develop understanding and interpret subjects
- ▶ Spend time and effort on concepts and basics
- ▶ Develop the ability to apply what is learned
- ▶ Make sense of information by converting it to knowledge by applying intellect and mind
- ▶ Nurture curiosity, spur thinking and attitude to innovate, make effect use of the 24 hours
- ▶ Focus on curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities

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