

1. Plan all of your side trips as soon as possible. The earlier you book your flight from England to Paris, or wherever you go, the less it'll cost!
2. Don't let sleepiness bog you down. If you have the choice between a nap and a chance to explore, EXPLORE. You won't regret it.
3. Learn a little bit about your new country before you get there, so you're not totally in the dark when discussing with your new foreign friends.
4. And make a valid attempt to learn the language. If you don't know it before you arrive, try learning once

5. Figure out what you'll need to buy in your new country, before arriving. Will you be given thin sheets and no cooking supplies? You can plan for that in your budget.
6. Ask around about awesome resources you might be missing out on, like tour groups that'll plan your weekend trips for you.
7. Learn how to read a map and navigate WITHOUT electronics. It's a lot safer, and you'll be quick on your toes.

FUTURE

By DR MANISHANKAR CHAKRABORTY

CHALKING out a career overseas is more than a mere wishlist. It calls for a determined effort, one to get through the rigorous screening process and two to sustain and survive while mingling with the best. However, if one have the determination and motivation to sail through, then the effort is worth the try, not only in monetary terms, but, more in non-monetary terms. Non-monetary terms play a more significant role in the long run as it changes the perspective of an individual, holistically. Adds, Sanofi Adams, a British origin expatriate Engineer based in Doha, "Overseas jobs have been fulfilling not for the wealth, but for the changes it brought into my physical and mental health as I learnt more with every international exposure". However, it is indeed challenging to succeed in an international career while rubbing shoulders with peers from different nationalities. Following are few of the attributes that needs to be ingrained into the preparation related regime, in order to have a successful and fulfilling international career-

ABILITY TO UNLEARN AND RELEARN:

It is important for a career aspirant to develop the ability of unlearning and relearning. It's easier said than done, as this trait calls for a major behavioral and mental overhaul and the ability to do away with mental baggage. This is pertinent to avoid shock, both professionally and personally, while starting the voyage of international career.

I KNOW EVERYTHING AND I HAVE BEEN THERE, DONE IT:

Having this trait is a recipe for disaster. It's true experience never goes in vain, however, developing excessive head-weight owing to the past achievements can often lead to a failure in the international career. That is attributed to the differences



OVERSEAS CAREER

More than a mere wishlist

in working environment, organisational culture, societal norms and various other softer aspects.

HARDSHIPS AS OPPORTUNITIES:

It is a known fact that opportunity always knocks with a blend of hardship. The so called successful blokes are those who could smell opportunity from the visible hardships. Being in a foreign land might aggravate the matters, vis-à-vis that of the home country, however, it is important for the career enthusiast to have the motivation going, even when the chips are down.

SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The skills, education and experience gathered while working in a

domestic market may not always reflect the same dividend while applying for an international job. The reason is plain and simple and that relates to difference in work profile, the market requirements, the organisational needs, the regulatory norms to name a few. It is here the candidate's ability to acquire the much needed traits at the earliest comes into play and the smarter ones would accept a small assignment as a launching pad for a bigger jump, courtesy, the filling of existing gaps prevailing in the present profile.

HARD WORK IS GIVEN A THUMBS DOWN:

It is common everywhere, be it domestic or international working environs, whereby the smarter work-

ers are given hands up over their harder peers. Gone are the days when organisations used to appreciate a Tom or a Mary working late even after the normal working hours. Organisations today look for efficient people who can reduce the overheads by engaging in smart work and therefore, it is always preferred in an international assignment, where the stakes are much higher than a domestic job.

INTERNSHIPS OR SHORT STINTS AS PRECURSORS:

Having an internship program or a shorter stint on a project based assignment can often act as a precursor to a full fledged international assignment. It assists a wannabe professional to understand the nuances by going through the process. The finer aspects of working in a diversified environment calls for knowing it first hand, rather than knowing it through passive reading or mere experience sharing.

LINGUISTIC DYNAMISM:

The ability to pick up new language easily is in born in many. This trait is a much appreciated one, if one is willing to take up a career where foreign language would be the medium for work and social life. The individuals who have a knack of picking up the working knowledge of a new language gets adapted faster than the ones who depends on the solitary international language. It is more apt for jobs that calls for the language of business and official work.

A PERFECT CAREER PATH AND A COMMENSURATE CAREER PLAN:

It is important for an aspirant to formulate a career path and a commensurate career plan based on sheer practical know-how rather than hearsay. It is therefore, advisable to have a mentoring and coaching session from fellow international peers who have been through it for a long period of time.

(The author can be contacted on emailmanishankar@gmail.com) ■

CAREER HELPLINE

Poonam Menaria



Q1: Hello Ma'am. I have completed PGDBM through distance learning. And now I wish to pursue CFP. Is it beneficial? Will it support in my career to find a good job?

—Kamesh

Hi Kamesh, You have mentioned the fact that your MBA is a distance learning one; it is a good idea to supplement your qualifications. Today there are numerous opportunities in the domain of financial products; in the domain different buckets are, as namely, tax implications, stock market volatility, and economic cycles etc. This has generated the need for professionals who can help their clients make the right investment decisions to achieve their financial goals. This is where financial planners step in. India is certainly emerging as an attractive market for financial planning and wealth management. Wealth Managers often choose to establish their own wealth management practice either by themselves or together with other managers. Other areas include Banks, Wealth management and financial planning organizations, Life Insurance companies, Stocks and Securities brokers. So if your interests and abilities are well suited for this area, then the CFP can be a good option for you. It's important to match your long term and short term goals and aspiration along with your values, interests, abilities to have a fulfilling career. Best Wishes!!

Q2: I am a student of Class XII (science). I am planning to study for a B.Sc. in forensic science after my board exam and later a master's degree in the same subject. How should I go about it?

—Priyanshu

Dear Priyanshu, Forensic scientists examine the physical and biological evidence related to a crime. So, the evidence can be fingerprints or DNA from a hair strand. Forensic scientists very often work in laboratories and may or may not work on the crime scene. To be successful as a forensic scientist, you need to have excellent investigative skills, persistence, ability to work long hours and a keen eye for detail.

Some undergraduate degrees in forensics are offered in India. RTM-NU offers B.Sc. in forensic science too. Since a vast majority of the curriculum in forensics is based on bio-science, a bachelor's degree in biological science can be one of the good routes suited for a career in forensics. In India, forensics is very often offered along with criminology. If you like computer science then you can also explore cyber forensics or information security as a career. With a law background then you can do a diploma in cyber law. Forensic accounting is another related field for those who do not have an interest in science. Since many undergraduate degrees can lead to forensic science, my suggestion is to take it as a post-graduate qualification. An undergraduate degree in a broad subject helps you to keep your options open till the postgraduate level. Postgraduate and diploma courses are offered by most institutes that do not require a bachelor's degree in forensics.

Remaining choice is yours by thoroughly understanding the resources available and best possible route to take by keeping in mind your interest, long term goals, abilities and aspirations in mind.



BEST WISHES!!

Queries for The Hitavada Future's 'Career Helpline' column can be sent to Poonam Menaria, Career Counsellor and Psychotherapist, Director, Lighthouse People Services, Sai Shri Apartment, 2, Pratap Nagar Above Top n Town, Mate Chowk, Nagpur-22. She can be contacted at poonam@lighthousepeople.in or on 0712-2230121, 9373118064 ●

Benefits of BUSINESS ANALYTICS

By PROF VASUNDHARA MALHOTRA

THE two main questions that trouble candidates looking forward to make a career in business analytics are,

Firstly, what is the future of this niche in Indian context and secondly which college/institutions offer the best opportunities to explore the world of business analytics and intelligence in India. Given the fact that even after post graduation, employment isn't more than stagnant, it is obvious for students to turn to a more rewarding skill up gradation programme. A programme that gives a good return-on-investment in terms of a sure shot successful career is most sought after. Colleges today are trying to customise their courses in order to meet the employment opportunities in the corporate world. This

is where business analytics comes in picture. Investigating and analysing performance of business in past in order to draw conclusions which will help that particular business gain mileage and grow profits in future is business analytics.

Career Scope & Forthcoming Opportunities - Business Analytics in India

In recent times, there has been a sudden rise in demand of business analytics. The prime reason behind this surge is the data driven and techno focused approaches that majority of organisations have willingly embraced. But, for how long is this scenario going to stay beneficial. Will it still be advantageous for a student graduating five or ten years from now? Future of a business or career is solely depended on market demand as well as its own versatility. Let's understand the require-

ments in context of BA.

1. A deficit of professional business Analytics - The major reason for growth of business analytics and intelligence is the fact that since the whole concept of analytics revolves around data, it is very challenging to successfully complete the course. Hence, there is a scarcity of expert analysts

2. According to Forbes (2015) - there was a 123.60% jump in demand for Information Technology Project Managers with big data expertise, and an 89.8% increase for Computer Systems Analysts. Does this ring a bell? It's going higher by every single passing day, now is the time to grab every opportunity you have to become an analyst.

3. Higher demand: Higher salaries - An increase in demand of professionals in certain area is directly proportionate to the rise in compensation

in that sector. So, if you're the one looking to divert the flow of money towards you, this is the time to be in analytics.

4. The McKinsey Global Institute report (May 2011): "By 2018, the United States alone could face a shortage of 140,000 to 190,000 people with deep analytical skills as well as 1.5 million managers and analysts with the know-how to use the analysis of big data to make effective decisions."

So basically, analytics is an ever-growing branch of study. Huge database is available in virtual form which has created a need for more effective and accurate data based decision makers, which surely points a finger towards exponential growth in demand of business analysts.

(The author can be contacted on vhingal3123@gmail.com) ■

FEAR OF LOSS

By SINDHU PANIKAR

AN ANXIETY is raised when we are inherited with a "Fear of Loss" ignoring the fact that the loss is inevitable. Anxiety makes us afraid of where we are going; that we could lose something, miss an opportunity, or be inadequate. The way we visualise various aspects of life helps us to understand what makes life beautiful and meaningful.

After the initial response to loss, fear can arise as a normal reaction. It is also common to feel uncertain of what the future holds for you and to be afraid of what your life will be like after your loss. You don't have to accept the fears you may have developed and you certainly don't have to live your life in fear. Remember that fear is just a reaction and does not have to become a part of who you are. If you deal with your fears directly, you can drive them away. Identify your fears and talk about them openly.

Face your fears straight out and do not hide from them. Don't run from what frightens or worries you expose it instead. It's not good for your grief recovery to hold your fears within and dwell on them alone, they have a tendency to grow bigger and stronger when kept inside and hidden. Recognising the fears and talking about them can weaken their grip on you. Work through these issues with a trusted person in your support system and definitely take your concerns to God. We are aware of the fact that it is either success or a failure in everything that we do in life but when we determine that every failure provides opportunities for future gains, we are nourished with the sweet essence of life and feel that, each moment presents unique possibilities worth fully appreciating and savoring. Here are some of the best toxins to overcome "Fear of Loss".

BE PREPARED: The first and the best toxin to fear of loss is being prepared for loss. Once we are prepared with the mindset that it is just the loss of the situation and not the life, makes you feel lighter about the failure. We fail to understand that it is always better to face the failure than not initiating an action to face the situation.



LOVE YOURSELF AND YOUR LIFE: If you ask me the name of the person whom I like the most, I would refer my own name. Yes, I love myself the most. We must love ourselves even before we love anyone else. When you love yourself, you raise yourself as a person of self esteem and self confidence which in turn assists you in overcoming your fears. By loving yourself you can obtain the courage necessary to face your fears head on and overcome them. If you love your life you are much more willing to take the chances necessary to live the life of your dreams.

TRUST YOURSELF: Certainly, this can only happen if we trust in our ability to recognise and create these new connections and situations. Some losses feel overwhelming when we experience them but we need to make proactively, not in response to what we fear, but in response to what we genuinely want to feel and do in this life.

START LIVING: Start living your life to its fullest rather than thinking of what had happened and what is predicted to happen. Understand that no one is perfect in everything, after all we are human, and we had to come across everything possible just by facing the situations, analysing our mistakes and grooming ourselves as an individual. Remember the fact of "Trail and Error". Once we visualise both success and failures towards the end in every stream of life, it either makes us successful or you will lose the fear of losing it. Best wishes to all for empowering yourself to face "The Fear of Loss".

(The author is a soft skill trainer at JDCOEM and can be reached at sindhu-panikar25@gmail.com) ■

FREE SEMINAR ON DUAL COUNTRY DEGREE

2 years at G H Raisoni University, India

Final year at Groupe INSEEC, France or Asia Pacific University, Malaysia.

Date: 12th April 2017 Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Contact: Global Education Limited

Call 8805012497

GEEBEE EDUCATION
Presents
Seminar on Study in USA
Date: Wednesday, 5th April, 2017
VENUE: GEEBEE EDUCATION Gokulpeth, Nagpur -10
ENTRY FREE! Call: 0712-6647355 9326075355

STUDY IN EUROPE
Germany-France-Sweden-Spain-Italy-Netherlands-Switzerland-Hungary-Poland-Denmark
krishna consultants
Ph: 0712-2222061, 7722034332
Raipur: 09893057777
Bhopal: 09893484938
www.studies-overseas.com