

CAREER vs PASSION

Many people find it difficult to answer this question because following your passion doesn't always bring food to the table. For some people, their passion has the potential to be hugely profitable; let's say your passion is Artificial Intelligence. Therefore, the chances of you landing a high-paying job that aligns with your passion are quite high. On the other hand, many people aren't able to turn their passions, such as teaching, music, or acting into lucrative sources of income. How many times have we heard about the job market is unstable and saturated, especially for recent graduates? This makes us wonder about our career path. Having money in today's world is a superpower. You have the resources to turn your dreams into reality and live your best life. However, this particular mentality leads people to pursue their careers by following the paper trail. It leads people into believing they need to wait until 40 to have a breakthrough. Finding your passion is important, and someone passionate about their professional work is happier and more satisfied than someone who's stuck doing a job they hate. Many people find themselves in this uncertain situation. Read on to learn how to deal with the dilemma of choosing a passion or career. The best way to conclude any dilemma is to weigh up the pros and cons.

Many people are stuck with careers that don't provide job contentment. They have to complete 8 hours of work a day, 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, stressing themselves with deadlines and timelines. The only reason many people are stuck with corporate 9 to 5 is that they're being paid well. When you're passionate about the professional work you're doing, you don't have to work a day in your life because you're truly enjoying it. Monetary constraints force you to settle with boring jobs. But finding and turning your passion into a career only motivates you to do better. Let's look at specific factors that affect your decision to follow your passion.

Being good at something gives you a confidence boost. With a solid skill set, you can face new challenges and obstacles with ease. As you focus on and improve specific skills, or diversify your skill set, you often start to earn more. However, no matter how great you are producing effective results, there comes a time when you reach saturation point. This is where you simply keep reproducing the same results, which leaves little room for exploring your capabilities. It's important to remember that passion drives success only until you're motivated to learn and experiment. Everyone likes money. Imagine being so great at something that you get paid for doing it in your sleep. When you have the right skill set and motivation, reaching your goal isn't a challenge. Finding the right place to invest your time, effort, and money is important. Learn what your strong skill-set is, perfect it, and put it to use. Passion can take longer to produce a profitable outcome. Apart from your skills and talents, earning well depends on your luck too.

Being highly skilled in a specific field can definitely lead you to stay longer in a certain job or career. The longer you stay, the better your reputation and professional standing is likely to be. Your superiors would value you, and your exposure to more interesting projects consequently increases. But consequently, over time, boredom and dullness can cause you to lose interest gradually.

A stable career equals money. This mindset has led many people to stick with high-paying jobs and less freedom. Building your career is not easy. We often face confusion when choosing between passion and career because many people don't believe that pursuing a passion will lead to long-term financial satisfaction. Your dedication towards your job directly impacts your career satisfaction. The gratification you achieve after doing a certain task is a result of your devotion and interest in doing that job. The sense of satisfaction makes up for other missing factors. Being under certain obligations such as family upbringing and studies can cause you to look at your career from a whole different perspective if you're facing job discontentment. Career change is good, and it's inevitable. No matter how amazing you were at your previous job, landing a new job can refresh your enthusiasm and energy towards your career. Every job requires devotion and dedication right from the beginning. Pursuing a different career or a new career isn't an easy decision to make. Make sure you make an informed, calculated decision before moving ahead in your professional life. Doing what you want motivates you to do a better job. The sense of accomplishment you feel after finishing certain tasks encourages you to take control and move to the top of the ladder quickly. Committing yourself to do the same thing every day of the week is harder than you think. Staying motivated is the toughest part. Being under a lot of obligations can turn your job into a survival pack for you and your family. Apart from obligations, deadlines, bosses, and clients ruin the fun of it. Many people dream of following their passion while others dream of building a perfect career. What you choose depends entirely on your priorities. If you need a job to survive, then follow your passion on the sidelines. If your job is ruining your peace, adapt to living a simpler lifestyle, and follow your passion with an open heart.

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God's greatest gift to man

GOD'S greatest gift to man is that of intellect, or understanding.

The understanding is the power by which man acquires his knowledge of the several kingdoms of creation, and of various stages of existence, as well as of much which is invisible.

Possessing this gift, he is, in himself, the sum of earlier creations—he is able to get into touch with those kingdoms; and by this gift, he can frequently, through his scientific knowledge, reach out with prophetic vision.

Intellect is, in truth, the most precious gift bestowed upon man by the Divine Bounty. Man alone, among created beings, has this wonderful power.

All creation, preceding Man, is bound by the stern law of nature. The great sun, the multitudes of stars, the oceans and seas, the mountains, the rivers, the trees, and all animals, great or small—none is able to evade obedience to nature's law.

Man alone has freedom, and, by his understanding or intellect, has been able to gain control of and adapt

Why Popular Govts in J&K State did not use Art-35A even for good of Permanent Residents of J&K?

No doubt Art 370 of Constitution of India (COI) had remained in debates right since 1950 . But it has been Art-35A that had been more in focus particularly after 2010 since it's legitimate existence in Constitution of India had been put under question mark. Art-35A bestowed on the J&K legislature / J&K Government in a way 'absolute constituent powers' for conferring exclusive rights on some Indian citizens categorised by State as 'Permanent Resident of J&K', within the state of J&K, to the extent of reserving 100% Government jobs/seats in government professional colleges/lands in J&K/J&K government aids only for all or some from amongst them. Whereas no other article of constitution of India has such absolute limits to keep a 'sector' totally reserved for one class of citizens only.

It was in 2018 that a young journalist from Kashmir valley visited me and said " Sir you are yourself an Indian citizen of the category of Permanent Resident of J&K and 'Art 35A' of Constitution of India gives authority to the State of J&K for ordering/ creating special constitutional privileges for Permanent Residents of J&K even then why are you (from Jammu region) against Art 35A when people in Kashmir valley are for retention/ preserving Art 35A ?" I could sense the style of his understanding on the subject keeping in view the statements (particularly after 2015) that were made by some senior Kashmir valley leaders even from the "ruling corridors" (that in a way appeared even suggesting to Supreme Court of India to be 'cautious' while hearing of the petition questioning the very existence of Art 35A).

To summarise I told him that I am not so simply against 'Art 35A' of Constitution of India for its contents and me being concerned for Jammu province only, what I think was for all

regions & religions of J&K since it was the way the Art 35A had been used by those in State legislature / J&K governments all these years (Art-35A had been used less to give favoring treatments / rights to the Permanent Residents of J&K and more to project to the outside World that J&K state is not 'purely' an Indian state like other Indian states). To be specific and brief I told him that had the 'Leadership' of J&K which so often talks of Kashmiri aspirations and the special rights secured for ' their people' after 1947 accession in terms of so called 'special status' Art-370 and Art-35A been truthful to their word they would have also done the real good / worked for doing some real good with the available 'special' provisions for atleast the Indian citizens categorised as Permanent Residents of J&K (let alone be even from even Kashmir valley) which they did not do rather even the existing bads of pre 1947 times were also repeatedly although the same were pointed out to those in 'power' like i. undoing the laws that violated the human rights/ fundamental rights of even the "women permanent residents of J&K" regarding 'choosing a life partner' ii. there being no reservation for even Schedule Tribe Permanent residents of J&K in the Legislative Assembly of J&K even when Section-23 of JK Constitution talked of Schedule tribe iii at that time the seats in J&K assembly reserved for permanent resident Schedule Caste were 7 on the basis of total 76 active seats where as the number could be more in view of 87 total active seats iv. 5300 Families of 1947 POJK DPs who were State Subjects of princely state of J&K and were residing in other Indian states had been disowned by State wrongly taking shelter under 1971 Act of J&K Legislature concerning POJK DPs v. inadequate pro-



A Look through the Mist

fessional / qualified staff in J&K Medical Colleges and super specialty hospitals since non PRs were not recruited resulting poor health and education cover to PRs of J&K vi. Irrational and wrong distribution of MLAs done right since 1957 thereby denying representative of nearness to people and areas badly/ distantly located and putting a bar in 2002 on the Delimitation of assembly segments not to be done before 2026 census i.e. till 2031 AD

{The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir{(Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Act, 2002 (23rd April, 2002) (Section47(3) of J&K Constitution)} vii. Sections 8 and 9 of J&K constitution had not been used for over 60 years for betterment of PRs. viii denying PRs of J&K students right to apply against thousands of MS/MD seats in national pool by not contributing a few local seats in the National pool viii. undoing the controversies over 73rd Constitution to COI as regards Panchayti Raj Institutions and not making the J&K Panchayti Raj Act 1989 more near self governance at local levels , rather even better than other Indian states ... but they neither did nor worked for that even after 2010.

Had the leadership done introspection sincerely , made the corrections and used the so called available "specials" to even create provisions in education / health / local self government / socio- economic assistances / alround promotion of tourism/ local crafts / socio-economic support to senior citizens / destitute/backward better (which it could do) there would not have been more questions on Art-370/ Art-35A (accept the technicalities about the birth of Art 35A).

But since good sense was not prevailing on the leadership of the day and the so called 'special provisions' were more being used as Distancing Symbols to the

also even benefit the separatist elements within (and their supporters outside) the need was felt by even the meaningful permanent residents of J&K (like me) to strip ourselves off of Art-35 / even Art-370 in original form so that atleast the separatist elements are devoid of some separatist threads in the interest of efforts being made for peace and stability in J&K.

The 'young friend' from Kashmir did appear making a positive nod to the opinion that there appeared no any chances of the conventional Kashmir valley centric prime leadership of J&K that had held the reigns of governance for more than 6 decades changing it's attitude and in future making use of the nearly absolute constitutional protections/ "reservations" available to the benefits of even the "permanent residents of J&K", so better let even Art-35A go.

So in the national interest in the run for finding out some way out from the constitutional cover provided by Art35Ato the wrongs done even to the Permanent Residents of J&K by State Government / elected representatives need was felt to rather see how the misrepresentation of Art-35A could be checked so that atleast the basic rights/ human rights/ fundamental rights of all the Indian citizens living in J&K are legally protected/ preserved and also the designs/ intentions of those who have been using Art35A more and more for directly or indirectly promoting the separatist ideologies are defeated / checked from adding more and more to the "ideological" pollution from which some innocent Kashmir Valley masses have been additionally suffering due to the anti India / anti 1947 Accession game plans of separatists/ Pakistan sponsored missions.

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Cleanest cities of India honoured at Swachh Amrit Mahotsav

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind felicitated the awardees of the cleanest cities of India at 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav' hosted as part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The award ceremony, organized to recognize the good work done for Swachhata by towns/ cities, States and Union Territories under various initiatives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), viz. Swachh Survekshan 2021, Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, and certifications for Garbage Free Star rating for cities - saw more than 300 awards under various categories being given away through the day.

For the fifth consecutive year, Indore was awarded the title of India's Cleanest City under Swachh Survekshan, while Surat and Vijayawada bagged the second and third spots respectively in the 'more than 1 lakh population' category. In the population category of 'less than 1 lakh', Vita, Lonavala and Sasvad, all from Maharashtra, bagged the first, second and third positions respectively. Varanasi emerged as the 'Best Ganga Town' while Ahmadabad Cantonment won the title of 'India's Cleanest Cantonment', followed by Meerut Cantonment and Delhi Cantonment. In the category of 'Fastest Mover', Hoshangabad (Madhya Pradesh) emerged as the 'Fastest Mover City' (in the 'more than 1 lakh population' category) with a jump of 274 ranks from 361st position in the 2020 rankings to the 87th position this year, thus securing a place among the top 100 cities.

In the State awards, Chhattisgarh, for the third consecutive year emerged as the 'Cleanest State' in the category of 'more than 100 Urban Local Bodies' while Jharkhand, for the second time, won the Cleanest State award in the "less than 100 ULBs category".

Karnataka and Mizoram became the 'Fastest Mover States' in the big (more than 100 ULBs) and small (less than 100 ULBs) state category respectively.

Speaking at the event, the President said that this year's Swachh Survekshan Awards have special significance because we are celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'.

He noted that Safai Mitras and sanitation workers have continuously rendered their services even during the COVID pandemic.

He said that the government is committed to ensure that life of no sanitation worker is put at risk due to unsafe cleaning practices.

The President said that effective management of solid waste is essential to keep the cities clean.

He stressed that environment conservation has been an integral part of the traditional lifestyle of India. Today whole world is emphasizing on environment protection in which focus is on to reduce, reuse and recycle the resources.

He noted that good examples are coming out of the idea of 'Waste to Wealth' and many start-ups are active in these areas. He said that appropriate schemes could be developed to encourage entrepreneurship and investment in these areas.

Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, speaking on the occasion, said that the achievements under SBM-U have been the result of unprecedented collective efforts.

He said that today, the Mission has taken the shape of a people's movement - a true 'Jan Andolan'. This is also reflected in the massive growth of the Swachh Survekshan which began as a pilot in 2016 among 73 cities, and is the world's largest urban cleanliness survey today. He said that the next few years will be dedicated to focusing on holistic cleanliness, i.e. Clean Air, Clean Land, and

Clean Water.

The Minister said that we owe it to our future generations to create greener and inclusive cities.

He congratulated the Swachhata Champions of urban India through this celebration, which is appropriately titled Swachh Amrut Mahotsav.

Hardeep Singh Puri and Kaushal Kishore, Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs also felicitated the awardee cities and States, in the presence of dignitaries including the Chief Ministers of Chhattisgarh and Sikkim, and Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Over the years, Swachh Survekshan (SS) has emerged as an effective tool for transforming the urban landscape.

Despite the on-ground challenges posed by COVID-19, a team of over 2,000 assessors visited over 65,000 wards in a record time of 28 days. Maharashtra has successfully bagged a total of 92 awards, the highest by any State in this year's Survekshan, followed by Chhattisgarh with 67 awards.

Additionally, under the Prerak Daaur Samman, a new performance category introduced under Swachh Survekshan 2021, five cities - Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi Municipal Council and Tirupati were categorized as 'Divya' (Platinum).

This year's Survekshan, participated by 4,320 cities, also saw an unprecedented number of citizens' feedback - over 5 crores, compared to 1.87 cores last year. SS 2021 has also helped identify over 6,000 innovations and best practices in sanitation and waste management from across the urban India. The second session of today's event was dedicated to Safaimitras, the frontline soldiers of Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban. Commemorating World Toilet Day (19 November), this session saw the top performers under the first ever Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge being rec-

ognition. Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore and Dewas emerged as the top performers, across different population categories among 246 participating cities in the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, launched last year by MoHUA to eradicate human fatalities from hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. Among the States, Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh bagged the award for best performing State and Union Territory under the Challenge.

In the last one year, the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge has been able to propel the 'manhole to machine hole' revolution in urban India through initiatives such as credit linkages of SafaiMitras with banks through the National Safai Karamchari Financial Development Corporation (NSKFD), on-the-job trainings through the Sector Skill Council for Green Jobs and setting up of helpline number 14420 in over 190 cities - a citizens' grievance platform.

The vision of a Garbage Free India under SBM-U 2.0 was given further impetus by announcing the results of 3-star and 5-star rated cities under the Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities. A total of 9 cities - Indore, Surat, New Delhi Municipal Council, Navi Mumbai, Ambikapur, Mysuru, Noida, Vijayawada and Patan-

have been certified as 5 star cities while 143 cities have been certified as 3 star. The Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities was introduced as a SMART framework by MoHUA in 2018, to holistically evaluate cities across solid waste management parameters. In 2018, only 56 cities were awarded certification on some star rating.

This year, the number has gone up manifold with 2,238 cities applying for the assessment. The mammoth exercise was completed successfully despite the COVID-19 restrictions as is evidenced in the numbers - 1.4 crore photographic evidence collected across 3.5 crore data points, along with 14.19 lakh citizen validation and 1 lakh locations covered during the assessment period.

The spirit of celebration was further enhanced through the release of a song titled 'Har Dhadkan Swachh Bharat Ki - Reaffirming a Nation's Commitment to Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0' by President of India.

The song encapsulates the spirit of the Swachhata movement and is a salute to the commitment of all citizens, especially the children, youth and senior citizens, in the Swachhata journey.

The video, which depicts a clean, green and modern urban India, is an effort to reinvigorate people to carry forward the SBM-U 2.0 journey in the days ahead. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, launched on 1st October, 2021, will focus on ensuring complete access to sanitation facilities for all.

Technology has played a critical role in achieving the outcomes under SBM-U's journey in the last seven years. Taking a giant leap forward in this digital journey, the Ministry launched the revamped Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 website and the integrated MIS portal 'Swachhatam'.

Additionally, a futuristic and state-of-the-art spatial GIS platform was launched that will further propel the Mission towards smart, data driven decision making. These new digital enablements will further enable the Mission to become paperless, robust and transparent, along with round-the-clock connectivity with States, Cities and stakeholders across the Swachhata spectrum. Swachh Amrit Mahotsav was thus a celebration of the achievements of cities in the past seven years of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and a commitment from cities and citizens to move forward with renewed vigour in the next phase of Swachhata through Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

need to understand how dangerous it could be to drive without helmets and moreover, underage driving should be avoided. The need of the hour is that one should make parents and youngsters aware about the traffic laws and make them understand that if government has made law that only those having age more than 18 years can drive and get driving license then there must be some reason behind it and we all need to respect it. It is always better to understand the things well in time then to repent later. I request all parents to pay attention towards this and allow children to drive only if they have license, otherwise only they will be responsible for fatal consequences.

Samakshi Gupta, Purani Mandi.