Introduction

It is the ardent wish of all of us to have a good living and as we all know very well that good living comes naturally when we follow the path of "Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji". This booklet will give you a brief idea about many career options, so let us begin.

Be Smart !!

"They are able because they think they are able." It is one of the very famous quotes of Virgil. The first thing is to have confidence. Confidence in whatever decision you make. You have to be very patient and confident in this process.

We will divide this whole process in various steps… but before we begin one thing we must say to you that you have to be very update…. Read newspaper and use internet as much as possible…. You have to compete with the outside world and this world is dynamic…. Update yourself with the latest happenings…. Everything is there in the websites …. Go and find new things …. Collect maximum information and spread it to your friends, relatives, etc…. Search Engines like Google will help you to find the desired question. You can find anything… So please start surfing net and be a self learner.

Following Steps will help you to find your dream career :

On an average, students who have cleared their Class XII board examinations choose career options based on the percentage they score.

The admission process, which is based mainly on percentage, does not allow them the option of a combination of subjects they may desire as career choices.

In this set-up, many students go through the rigmarole of a graduation without much interest and, later in life, do not get much job satisfaction.

In reality, they would have preferred to be in a different field altogether!

Choosing the right career

Today, colleges also conduct entrance examinations to judge a student's interest in a particular field. They try to ascertain whether students have a preference or are being forced into a course by overzealous parents.

Who then is responsible for making such frustrated individuals or misfits? Can one actually blame the set-up, parents, or the students themselves?

Instead of playing the blame game, it is important to focus on how to optimise the chances or opportunities one has; it is important to find a way out.

Six mantras to get it right

A student's story does not end with him/ her scoring a reasonably good percentage. This is when the dilemma of choosing between available courses and those that one prefers sets in.

Take the case of a student who wants to become a fashion designer or a journalist, but has scored enough marks to pursue a more traditional honours course from a reputed college.

This student will need to convince everyone as to why s/he is interested in another field of study instead of opting for the standard programme.

If you are facing a similar situation, don't be afraid about asserting your choice and standing by it.

Remember, though, to do your homework well so you don't end up doing something irrational.

i. Planning is a must

Consider these issues before narrowing down your options.

* What are your aims and aspirations?
* Where do you see yourself five years from now?
* Compare the hard and smart work and effort required in different fields.
* Judge the material benefits you will get eventually.
* Check out the possible career options/ avenues open to you after completing the course.
* Consider more than one career option in order to give yourself a back-up.
* Remember to differentiate between a career and a hobby.

Idealistic thinking can wait. Once you are successful in your field, you will have plenty of time to pursue your social and idealistic leanings.

ii. Assess your abilities

* Do you have the necessary pre-qualifications to do well in the field of your choice ?

For instance, if you want to be a journalist, you should be a good reader and writer, you should be eloquent, you should be an extrovert and so on and so forth.

If you are interested in fashion designing, you should have a creative mind, a good hand at sketching, a good knowledge of colours and some experience in designing or you should have experimented with clothes.

If you want to be a model, you should have the appropriate physical attributes and attitude.

So ask yourself the following questions:

* Do you have the personality, the visible traits and hidden talents you can mould and develop to help you in the profession of your choice ?

To be the best in any field, you don't just require the education you get during graduation; the way you have shaped up over the years also matters.

There is nothing wrong in not having certain capabilities, but do ask yourself why you want to pursue a course where you will be competing against someone who is well-adapted to its essential aspects?

Everyone has that extra special quality. Look for a field where you will be among the best because you will then have a clear edge over the others.

iii. Research

To assist you in making a judicious choice about your career plans and abilities, collect information from magazines, newspapers, the Internet and other forms of media.

See if you are able and willing to cope up with the requirements of the field you wish to pursue.

iv. Talk to people in the field

The people who are currently in the field you want to pursue can best tell you its pros and cons, the hard work, the basic qualifications required and the patience needed to succeed.

Listen to what they have to say; take their advice.

v. Chart a course of action

Once armed with the requisite information about the field you are interested in, decide the following:

* Where can you pursue the study/ training programme you need?
* Which are the best institutes?
* What are the basic requirements for admission?
* Are selections based on merit/ entrance examinations or are there some other selection criteria?
* How best can you prepare for the same?

Collect this information from the concerned institute or through the Internet/ other media.

vi. Approach your parents

Once you have decided, discuss your career moves in detail with your parents.

Remember, they may not be easily convinced. They have their share of experience, they have their own aspirations about you and they may have also done their own research over the years.

Instead of a confrontation, it is best to weigh the pros and cons of your choices and theirs. Remember not to retaliate or fight, because you will need a mutual understanding. They can be your guides and mentors, so take their assistance also.

In today's world, even if you have the strength to cope up with challenges, you require the assurance of your family to support your decisions and assist you to do the best.

Finally, a word of advice.

With changing times, the needs of every profession are also changing. New professions are coming up. Keep yourself abreast of these changes. Give yourself the necessary edge so that you can become a clear winner.

After this process we will move now to Career Options.

There are 3-4 times you make decision about your career… these are :

1. ***Career after Class Xth***
2. ***Career after Class XIIth***
3. ***Career After Graduation***

Some students took up vocational or diploma programmes after class Xth. These programmes are also good but they are limited up to an extent, but you want the best then you must have a degree in any discipline.

Degrees are better than Diploma/Certificate/ITI both in terms of Scope and learning. No doubt that skills and attitude is above degree. It is not the degree which will give you success, but it is the attitude, ambition, dedication, honesty, integrity, sincere and hard work which will give you glory of success.

Please let us remind you again that whatever career you have opted, if you are not committed and honest then you will not be able to realize your dreams.

Failure is success if we learn from it.

We learn to walk by stumbling