

...BECAUSE LIFE ISN'T JUST ABOUT BECOMING DOCTORS OR ENGINEERS.

Whether it is buying a cup of coffee or choosing a career path; opportunities and choices have increased to the point where decision making takes up much of our time. When it comes to careers, Indians have been known to gravitate towards the high-paying and “safer” fields such as engineering and medicine.

Hey, what do you want to become? =Engineer

What's your aim in life? =Doctor.

Where do you want to make your career? =Engineering.

What are you going to study after 12th? =Medical.

Whomever you ask, you'll get the same answers regarding one's career choice. Doctor or engineer. That's it, and nothing else. There's no other choice. Simply nothing beyond these 2 fields. Everyone is rushing to become a doctor or an engineer. But is it practically possible to just have these 2 choices? Is there nothing else beyond these two fields? Possibly 'NO'. Then why everyone is rushing towards becoming doctor & engineer?

If you do a survey in India, you'd get that maximum number of students, especially those who've secured good marks, want to become either doctor or engineer. Roughly, it can be determined that almost 90% of students of India want to have engineering or medical as a career.

First, when a student passes 10th standard and is about to enter 11th standard, he/she is actually 'forced' to take up science by his/her parents. The student may or may not be suitable for the science stream, but he/she has to choose science stream whether interested or not. Those who don't choose science by their free will are the lucky ones whose parents understand what their children want to become are capable of.

Those who were forced into the science stream, when they pass out 12th exam, they're coerced into choosing either engineering or medical field. If students can't secure an admission, their parents pay donations of lakhs of rupees to the colleges. After that, through several complex processes (complex processes = giving donations to college + cheating in exam + other malpractices), they pass out as doctors or engineers. And when you ask their parents, they'd say with pride that their child is a doctor or an engineer. After that, engineers would try for companies and doctors would either work for hospitals or start their own clinic and continue with their lives. They get satisfaction by just labeling 'Doctor' or 'Engineer' in front of their names and nothing else.

This is the current scenario of India. Everyone just wants to label the titles of doctor and engineer in front of their names. No one has the feeling that becoming doctors or engineers through these complex processes is really useless. Today, if you count doctors and engineers in our country, you'd need a supercomputer as the numbers go on forever. And you can count other professions on the tips of your fingers.

Engineering and medical are among the most important and in demand fields, without which much of our progress would stop. All the latest technologies of today are only possible due to exponential growth in engineering, and we're creating treatments of many previously untreatable and deadly diseases only due to the same exponential growth in the medical field. So, both of them are very important for both, our development and survival. But the problem, in anyway, doesn't lie within engineering and medical. The problem lies with the fact that whether they have talents in the fields or not, the majority of students in India

are taking up either engineering or medical as their careers. The main defect is with the society. It's a common mentality of the society that everything lies within engineering or medical, which is actually untrue.

World is giving scope to each and every field. And to be honest, today no one has interest in what your profession is, but everyone gives preference to knowing about your skills and what you can do with them. Whether you're a doctor or an engineer or an artist or a businessman or a politician or a social worker or a sportsperson or an actor or a journalist or whatever you're, it's not of any interest. The interest lies in what you can do with all the skills that you possess.

So, always choose to become what you want. Your choices of life shouldn't be affected by others' interference. It should be solely personal. If you want to become an engineer, go after your dream. If you want to become an astronaut, follow your dream. If you want to be a writer, go for your dream. If you want to be a doctor, work hard for your dream. If you want to be a singer, pursue your dream. But if you don't to become something, never go for it. You have the right to choose your own life. Never hesitate about doing something you know in your heart is right for you, & you want to pursue.

We can make our own choices for us. The choices of life are not like the MCQs in exams, where there's only one correct answer for everyone and if you choose the wrong answer, marks will be deducted. But, for sure, these are some of choices which will leave a lifelong impact on us. If we choose something which is not the right fit for us, because others are telling us to, we may have to suffer our whole lives. So, explore the possibilities of life, choose your profession according to your talents, become what you want and rock the world with your talents.

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