

Easier said than done

ROHIT AGGARWAL DRAWS UP A LIST OF THINGS TO CONSIDER OR DISREGARD BEFORE TAKING UP A COURSE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Ours is an era of competition where technology is the biggest tool. Even before they leave school, children are put under immense pressure to decide on a career path. While some choose to specialise in their subjects of interest after graduation and opt for higher studies, others take up professional courses to land a job.

Today, a large number of students in India are taking up information technology courses during or after graduation. An IT course not only gives one the knowhow on current technology but also teaches about the probabilities of upcoming ones. However, choosing IT as a career path is easier said than done.

and ascertain whether what the classes are offering in theory is actually delivered in practice.

■ If after course support is provided or not. Transitioning into the workplace will be much smoother if a trainer's help is at one's disposal.

■ Check the credentials of trainers. If they are certified by technological conglomerates, then it's a green tick.

Don'ts:

■ Never judge a course or a training centre by the course fee. Though niche IT courses are often heavy on the pocket, the return on investment is great as well.

■ Choose courses at random simply because everyone is suddenly going gaga



Let's take a look at the do's and don'ts that are essential to follow before taking up a course in the field.

Do's:

■ One must always be on lookout for authorised training centres as a course is an avenue to acquire niche skills. Training companies with accreditations from multiple technological conglomerates are best.

■ Check whether the training centre is an authorised examination centre as well.

■ If the training center has a dedicated datacenter. Top notch infrastructure is a necessity.

■ Check for emphasis on practical and hand-learning. Theoretical knowledge can serve one no good in the field.

■ Read up on student testimonials. Even if they aren't there but the training centre provides references for the same on demand, then one can rest assured about the quality of the company.

■ Talk to former students of the institute

over it. Understand your needs, research, and then make a choice. One might not have the aptitude for learning software but might instead be well-equipped to learn hardware networking.

■ Stop at only the course. Enquire if the centre provides combo courses that focus on additional skills required for career development.

■ Forget to check out and judge the social media presence of the training organisation. More frequent and engaging the posts, more likely for the company to live up to its billing.

Having said everything, one cannot help but emphasise the fact that an IT training course should not be taken up only because friends are doing it. Not only is interest key for learning something, one should also possess the aptitude for it. One cannot become an IT whiz, if they are a writer at heart. Follow the heart's calling and let the rest take care of itself.