

Surgeon Entrepreneurship

“Everything big today, somewhere had a small start and every top expert was once a beginner”.

Entrepreneurship is about embracing ambiguity and accepting new challenges. There are no magical shortcut keys in life that can transform you to become successful overnight.

Intelligence, resilience and a risk-taking appetite are critical to success.

Hailing from a middle-class family and a humble beginning had its own advantage in shaping my career path. When you are not brought in the luxury of comforts, but you get exposed to vagaries of climate—these struggles bring out the creative genius within you. These extreme uncertainties, when you come across and you tide over them with your strength and conviction, you owe it to your life that you have experienced in the past.

After completing my studies in India and abroad, I started my career from scratch—studied and researched the industry well. Somewhere took the advantage of being the first and fast mover in my actions. I was very clear about the fact that in this fast-paced life there is no room for standing still. Either you are too fast to grab the opportunities or you are left behind in the race. With God’s grace, I was able to accomplish a lot of my dreams. Although being a surgeon was, no doubt, my top priority but in private practice settings, I realized the need to be an entrepreneurial for survival and to have a vision to recognize areas that need constant upgradation and improvement. To maintain the supremacy, you have to be Jack and Master of multiple trades at the same time.

Versatility is actually in demand these days and need of the hour. Gone are the days when specialization in one specific field was enough. If someone asks me what the life is, I will say, a box of crayons. Bigger the box, more the shades, vibrant the picture. Life is all about creation and innovation, not limiting yourself inside a box. It is about visualization of the bigger picture.

I strongly believe in the power of constant practice and efforts—learning myself and then challenge myself to teach others too. Becoming a team leader who is a blend of both—leading from the front and holding hands of the team members and walking behind—as and when required. Being an entrepreneur who has a burning desire to be and to do it. Working on fitness goals, gardening, my new-found love for cooking— all these give me a boost to go an extra mile to explore my abilities and somewhere keeping me from burning out and breaking the monotony of life.

It is not sheer hard work, it is about working differently; how well you can handle the knockbacks like a pro; it is about learning from yours as well as others’ experiences, which helps in the long run. Being smart is not enough these days, you need to keep getting smarter. Goals are like saplings that need proper plantation and constant nourishment. A combination of humility, knowledge, conviction and a deep insight is what makes a successful entrepreneur.

For being a successful entrepreneur, you need to adapt to change—what gave you success in the past might become the stumbling block today, so adapt to changing demands of your ecosystem. Learn from all mistakes and transform the feedback to feedforward.

Key Tips for Becoming Successful Entrepreneurs

1. Curiosity is your superpower
2. A bias for action (versus thinking)
3. Self-awareness of your deep motivations
4. Magic of thinking big
5. A high risk-taking appetite

Doctors are very good in their respective jobs, but you also need to zoom out of their respective domain (think at system or macrolevel) and you can win any situation. So, move forward and identify “The Leader within you”.



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