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Seeking higher education from the developed countries has been a long cherished dream of Indian student community. Right from the 60s, India had seen migration of quality doctors to the United States and United Kingdom. That was followed by the ever-increasing demand for technocrats and engineers in the 80s and 90s. Hence, the term 'Brain Drain' got popularised. The 21st century has seen quality business graduates, pursuing management courses from top B-Schools of the world and seeking international experience.

In fact, work-experience abroad has proved to be priceless. Even at top of the line Indian B-schools, it is evident that students with prior work-experience, especially in a developed country abroad, have ended up with the highest salary packages post their MBA.

Why do Indian students have a fascination towards Higher education

Fascination For Studying Abroad

abroad? It is common truth that quality institutions in India are far and few. And getting admission in the elite colleges in India not only requires a Herculean effort but also the competition is so intense that only a handful of students



make it to the topmost institutions. Hence the IITs, the IIMs & AIIMS are coveted to the extent of wishful illusion for the majority of students. Secondly, with mushrooming of thousands of private engineering and MBA colleges in the country, the standard of quality education has got steadily degraded. With thousands of students passing out each year, the supply is so much more than the demand that only a handful get quality placements with reputed companies. The worth of a B.E. or MBA has got diluted so much, that it really does not matter whether one is a BA, BBA, BSc, B.E., MA or MBA....

So what do the students do...rather than enrolling in an average institution in India, a lot of them opt for a higher education abroad at more or less similar cost. A factor considerable is that during studies abroad, a student can work part-time up to 20 hrs. a week and full-time during vacations. This gives him opportunity to not only meet out the living expenses abroad, but also contribute to the tuition fee, with full-time work during vacations- hence cutting the overall cost by half at times. This opportunity is seldom available in India- with the social structure not encouraging part-time work during studies. Students have benefited from not only the monetary benefits, but also tremendous personality development, while reaching out and fending for themselves. No amount of classroom teaching on personality and language development is as fruitful as being thrown in the deep end and expected to rise up on one's feet. The responsibility of earning and fending for oneself is a lesson every parent would be proud to see in their children. Moreover, it's just not about work during studies- but also after the student finishes studies. There

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