

***MY JOURNEY FROM AN ORDINARY GIRL TO A CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANT!***

By CA Samma Narang

10 years ago, after completing my SSC, the only decision I took was of choosing Commerce as my stream and then my dad Mr. Jaipal Narang said, do Chartered Accountancy after HSC. All I felt was, may be explaining it in 3 Idiots way, 'mujhe kya banana tha, kisine pucha hi nahi.' I had no clue what CA was, whether this was the right decision, whether it is what I really want to do! With all these confusions and questions, I chose CA as my career. It suddenly felt as if I had grown up, from an ordinary HSC student to a being a CA student. I always felt CA was not my cup of tea. So many practical subjects, working at the age of 18 years, classes, low passing percentage (as low as 3% all over India) and above all 'over worried relatives' who are always more concerned about what is my result! I felt so lost and stuck!

I just knew one thing; I needed those 2 alphabets as a prefix to my name. My journey wasn't easy. I learnt many things in these years. CA taught me to be strong, to never give up, to meet deadlines, to trust myself, to ignore the taunts of the world and above all to BELIEVE! I had become like Raju of 3 Idiots, where I just kept bribing and making deals with God. I also had a Farhan phase where I felt I was stuck in CA only because of my dad. It was later that I realized all CA needed was hard work and conceptual understanding. I gave in my heart and soul to CA but unlike other CA students, I preferred enjoying life too. I saw movies when I was in no mood to study, went shopping, did things that I liked.

CA is a tough course for sure, after all its one of the most respectable degrees in India. You need to consider it as your boyfriend/girlfriend and give it all your time and attention. I realized importance of this degree only once I achieved it and today, I suggest all the commerce students to choose this as their career option. There's only 1 advice I want to give to any person aspiring to be a CA – DON'T EVER GIVE UP! If you enter this course, make sure you exit it with those two alphabets as a prefix to your name!

CA changed my life. It gave me my identity, respect and confidence. I owe what I am today to this course. Had it not been my dad's guidance, I would have been a normal graduate. I would really like to thank my dad for showing me the right path. Yes, it is tough but all the time you give it is worth it!

Don't be a normal person...by extra ordinary...be a CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT !!!!!

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