

# It's a matter of choice

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Rahul wanted to take up science as his stream in class 11, but what gave him cold shivers was the fact that he would have to study chemistry, a subject he hated the most. So he opted out, and instead chose a subject that was a mere compromise of his interests.

This is not a story of one Rahul. This is a story of many many Indian students, who are forcefully meant to study a particular group of subjects fabricated by the educationists of the country, who left little to their choice.

Why is it that a student cannot study history, with physics and economics as his subjects? Why is it that if he likes one subject in particular, he has to somehow carry the burden of some other subjects that he might despise?

The main question that must be answered before answering the above questions is that, why does everything in our country be career oriented?

Since when did the ultimate motive of education be to enable students to land a lucrative job and not just enrich themselves with knowledge of varied parameters of life?

A career can be chosen in the later stage of life, but what is important is that students must gain an outlook of life through studying those subjects that entice them, that inspire them, that motivate them and not those that are forcibly thrown upon them.

If one wants to become a Chartered Accountant, then Accountancy is a subject that is required, and not subjects like economics, or calculus.

***"Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education."***

***— Martin Luther King Jr.***

Thus, the government must bring about reforms in the present system so as to encourage students to grasp as much knowledge as they can in their lifetime, and only then will they be truly educated. Because if you read only to earn a six-figure salary, then you are no better than the labourer who gets up each morning to do the same.

