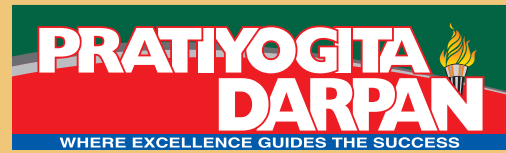




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# YOU ARE DESTINED TO SUCCEED

Failures are stepping stones to success. Initial failures should not discourage a person from pursuing his goal. Every failure teaches us something. It pinpoints the lacunae in our effort. Taking lessons from failures we should strive again and again, till success comes our way. Greatmen of all times faced failures galore before they were blessed with success. The harder the effort, the better and sweeter is the fruit that comes to us after our strivings. A man of grit, firm determination, and strong will is bound to succeed surely and certainly.

The greatest lesson to be learnt is that we should never lose heart and give up the fight. If defeat comes, it should be met as a step for future victory and not with funereal looks. Then, one learns what sportsman spirit is "Defeat on the field, must not be defeat in the mind." One whose mind is overwhelmed by defeat or who develops a defeat complex, will find it very difficult to taste the fruits of victory. We enter a fight or take part in a competition to succeed. Then why not always think of success. If unsuccessful, another effort ought to be made. Try again and again until you succeed—this lesson we learnt in our lower classes from the story—'Spider and the King'. This lesson we can learn from the lives of those who have been successful in life. They never gave up the fight and sat dejected cursing their destiny. The hard fact of life is—if success is to come, it will come only through effort. But without making an effort, there are no chances of achieving success.

The person, who believes in doing his duty and is making efforts, never feels dejected or defeated. Mahatma Gandhi said it more than once that a person on the path of truth is never defeated, because he gets purified through his trials.

Great thinkers have been telling that failure must come as an opportunity to make amends and a new effort in a new way. We have been born to make progress and bring about evolution. Then why worry, if the road is zigzag and strewn with thorny hedges. It has got to be crossed. T. H. Huxley has written somewhere that the failures at the primary stage come to teach us ways of practical life. If failures were not