

Fueller Writing Challenge

Topic: Personal essay examining when you failed at something and what you learned from that.



“Failure is a part of life”. I never understood this phrase until recently, in spite of my rigorous hard work, I couldn't qualify the UGC NET exam.

For those who don't know me: Hi, I am Rahnuma. I have recently completed my Post graduation in commerce and currently pursuing freelancing as a Side-Hustle.

I am passionate about teaching. Standing at the centre of the class, breaking down explaining the points brings me joy.

I've always been told that I am a good presenter and I explain things well.

Carrying this sheer enthusiasm within myself, I was determined to qualify UGC Net exam and be an Assistant Professor in a reputed college.

I worked hard for 4 months. From buying guide books, to practising previous year paper, to thoroughly learning about the subjects. I did it all!

But as they say: **“when things are not meant for you, they won't work out”**, no matter how hard you try. Same happened with me. Despite my best efforts, the results were far from what I had anticipated.

All the hard work, late night studies, and time management went in vain. All I heard was **“Is baar bhi nahi nikla, thoda aur dhyaan deti to nikal jaata na”**

It's true that results matter, people see numbers and your success. Unfortunately that's how things work. While I don't have any complaints, I know things will work out and I am capable enough of making it happen. It's just that I felt a little bad.

All these things prompted me to ask myself critical questions about my goals, methods, time table, and motivation.

I understood the importance of self - compassion. When people started questioning me and my abilities, I stood for myself because I knew I gave my 200%.

Now, I easily have control over the usage of Social media especially Instagram. I got to know that I need to spend my time wisely. Also, this preparation brought me a little closer to my books and now, I love them more.

To all the people dealing with failure, This message is for you: Remember, Failure is not a dead end. If you are willing to reflect, learn and grow from the experience. You will come back stronger, You are Bound to :)

Keep shining!



Hey, that's me :)

Let me know your thoughts on this!