
PRATEEK PANDA

CV OF FAILURES

Inspired by Professor Johannes Haushofer's CV of Failures, I decided to work on my own set of failures. The idea to make this failure resume got further triggered by Ankur Warikoo, a friend, and CEO of Nearbuy who shared his failure resume as well.

I have failed a lot of times, but only those really close to me know about these moments. Most of my colleagues, batch mates and friends probably believe that I am always successful. Many believe that their failures are because of their own ability or inability. I agree with Prof. Haushofer and believe that the world is rather stochastic, people have bad days, those on selection committees have bad days!

This is my attempt to recollect my failures and reveal it to the world. I feel this can be a big step towards gaining more knowledge about myself and putting my real self in front of the world.

SCHOOLS I DID NOT GET INTO

- 2007 Did not clear IIT JEE / AIEEE
 - Did not get calls from any of the top IITs / NITs
 - Did not get into my preferred specialisation (Computer Science)
 - 2011 Did not get into JNU / DU to pursue Masters in Public Administration
 - Dropped out of a Masters in Public Administration program from Utkal University
 - Failed two attempts at the UPSC
 - 2012 Did not get shortlisted for London Business School for MBA
 - Failed to secure funding for a Masters in US/UK
 - 2013 Failed to crack the CAT/XAT
 - Did not score enough to get calls from the top IIMs
 - Failed an examination on the first day of business school
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WORK RELATED FAILURES

- 2011 Did not get to interview for Microsoft
 - Closed my first startup because of fear to carry on alone, after my partner quit
- 2012 Joined a startup as employee No. 2, failed to take it to the desired level
 - Went jobless as the startup shut down because of lack of funds to go further
- 2014 Decided to shut down my second startup (TheTechPanda) and concentrate on business school
 - Failed to take TheTechPanda to the level I wanted to
- 2015 On to my third startup (Appknox), failed to secure funding as per plan and schedule

OTHER FAILURES

Haven't been able to do anything substantial for my parents yet

Stopped coding, which I enjoyed earlier, for no real reason

Have not been able to learn the guitar in 4 years now!

Not an expert at anything in particular