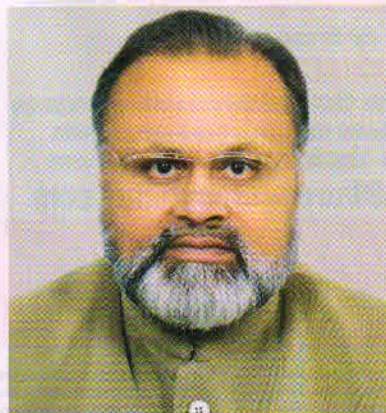


All about career planning and job selection

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Get *Government Jobs* authored by K P Shashidharan, former Director General, CAG, appears to be so designed as an "I Book" that it provides right information at the right time to right persons to make an informed decision about their career planning and job selection. In the words of the author, the prime objective of education tends to be finding a satisfying career of one's liking rather than accidentally ending up in some job one seldom likes.

We are a country with a massive potential of all dimensions and in all denominations. We may classify these in academic-non-academic, professional-non-professional, skilled-semi-skilled, educational, technical, mechanical and scientific or research pursuits. The job options and opportunities in both Government and non-governmental organizations are in abundance but the majority of our



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youth, particularly those living in rural or semi-urban areas, somehow fail to get to the correct source of guidance. In the process, we remain short of tapping our potential to the hilt.

There is no denying the fact that among our common masses, seeking a government job remains a priority but due to the lack of information or insufficient information, decisions take the wrong track and a promising career turns into difficulties. This book is a timely contribution by the author to fill this gap and assist the aspirants for government jobs of all categories to see through their respective routes of job pursuance.

What can this book do for you? Choosing a career and meeting challenges in its pursuit requires answers to some of the questions like knowledge about Government jobs, getting through a recruitment agency, information about available job opportunities, making own choices, minimum qualifications and eligibility criteria required, competitive examinations to be appeared in and their preparation and this book offers the maximum and the most relevant. WWW-Win-Win-Win strategy for achieving the career objective is the motto of this effort. To the best of my understanding, it fulfils that expectation of the reader.

The book specifically addresses the guidance requirements of aspirants for the recruitment to Group I-II-III services and uniformed services in the Central Government. Jobs in public sector banks, job opportunities in States, employment in Central and State Government companies and public sector insurance companies, jobs in Central universities, autonomous bodies, educational institutions, regulatory bodies, research in-



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stitutions, registered societies of the Government, local bodies and panchayats, Prasar Bharati and the judiciary and other Government jobs.

Shashidharan, belonged to the Indian Audit and Accounts Service and is an alumnus of the London School of Economics. In his three-and-a-half decades of Government service, he held very distinguished positions, which qualify him to do a job of this nature. It is indeed a laudable attempt to guide the youth seeking jobs in the Central and State Governments. I am sure that it will not only help job seekers but also would be a great support to parents, career counsellors, teachers, students and university coaching and guidance centres. ■

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