

careercounselling - Does scuba diving have scope in India?

I am a 20-year-old from Mumbai. I completed my BCom programme this year. I am interested in scuba diving in India but do not understand where to start from. Some people say it does not have scope in India. Is that so? I will be very grateful if you provide as much information as possible on scuba diving. Pratik H Agarwal MTech programme so I have scope for promotion. Please guide me.

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As India has hundreds of miles of coastline, rivers, lakes and man-made as well as natural dams, there is a requirement for trained scuba divers. For many such assignments, Indian Navy divers or specialists from other countries are brought in.

Scuba diving courses are conducted in a couple of coastal cities. These are mostly short courses for different aspects of scuba diving such as open water diving, rescue diving, and underwater photography.

Maharashtra Tourism organises short-term programmes in scuba diving, including PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certification courses. PADI training is an international certification and the diving industry's most respected and sought-after diving instructor training programme. The Bangalore Mountaineering Club, too, offers the PADI divers course. The Barracuda Diving Institute in Goa offers some scuba diving training programmes.

The Thane Scuba Diving Club in association with ACUC International conducts American Canadian Underwater Certifications Instructor Trainer courses.

The course costs range from around Rs 500 for a couple of hours to Rs 15,000 - Rs 20,000 for advanced PADI training. If you are a swimmer and reasonably fit, you can learn to scuba dive and specialise in any of the various activities and make a career in a sport you enjoy.

I am a second-year BTech student from an IPU college. I read your report "Log in for success" and that really motivated me to prepare for my MTech entrance test. But I still doubt the scope in electronics and communication engineering after my Masters. Many people say employers prefer BTechs. An MTech is only meant for entering into research and teaching. I aim to land a good technical job. I wish to do an When you talk to different people, you receive any number of opinions. It is best to ask people in that particular work field for a knowledgeable and intelligent answer, so you can take an informed decision. Moreover, there is no one ideal job. What is the ideal job for you may not be the right one for someone else. It is best to evaluate what you can do best and then follow the most appropriate study options.

The MTech qualification is required for working on design and product development, an intrinsic part of engineering. With the entry of many multi-nationals, India is moving out of the realm of the traditional shop floor and emerging as a specialised engineering and research and development hub, requiring large numbers of highly qualified engineers for design, product development, process design, computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD and CAM), value engineering and so on, so as to be able to compete with China. For this reason, there will be an increasing demand for specialists in several of these emerging engineering fields. And depending on the specialised nature of the job, many MNCs sometimes prefer MTechs.

While there is a growing number of jobs for BTechs, an MTech degree would qualify you for a higher entry position, more responsibilities and better salary than a Bachelor's. If you enjoy technical and scientific work and are good at technical creation, modification and development, then an MTech degree is better. Moreover, after a few years in engineering, the job includes more administrative and managerial responsibilities. Then, you can opt for an MBA programme to further your career prospects. Author of The Penguin India Career Guide and The Essential Career Guide and Director, Careers Smart Pvt. Ltd.

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