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For Your



Child's Future?









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# EDITOR'S DESK

#### Dear Finvestors!

A child comes with a lot of responsibilities for parents. All parents strive to give the best to their children and secure their child's future. Planning your child's future well in advance will prepare you for many stages of your and their life. The best plan would cover all the vital phases of your child's life like education, higher education, health care, or even a wedding.

As a parent you will agree with me when I say that the best gift you can give your child is a 'good education' that secures his/her future. It is a scary thought for any parent to leave his/her child without adequate means for education in one of the best colleges or universities. But most of the times, the 'best' colleges come with 'high' price tags. Most of the Indian parents plan for their child's education by investing in an unstructured manner. They randomly put money in a generic financial product like fixed deposits, Postal Savings without understanding how much would they require when the child is ready for his/her graduation.

Through this newsletter you will find ways means and a plan to secure you Child's Future in Financial Terms. My Son is 2yrs old and I have started his financial planning, have you? Get in touch to build theirs and in turn your Financially Secure Future

#### **Happy Investing!**



- ITR filing by taxpayers not covered under audit is extended from 30th Sep '21 to 31st Dec '21
- ITR filing for Tax audit cases is extended to 15th Feb '22
- ITR filing for transfer Pricing is extended to 28th Feb '22
- ITR filing of Belated or Revised Return for FY 20-21 is extended from 31st Dec '21 to 31st March '22.

#### **Furnishing Audit Report:**

- Due date to furnish the audit report is extended to 15th Jan '22
- Due date to furnish the audit report for transfer pricing cases is extended to 31st Jan '22.

## Tax on Dividend

The company distributing dividends shall have to deduct tax at source while paying dividend, at applicable rates (including any surcharge or cess). TDS will be deducted at 10% as per Section 194 on the amount of dividend payable for residents.









## 5 Rules to Keep Your Child's Future Financially Secure

Keep the below-mentioned things in mind for planning a secure financial future for your child:

#### 1.Start investing as early as possible

Some parents wait to start saving and investing for their children till they cross primary schooling. Starting to save late could lead to sacrificing good higher education for your child. You cannot ignore that education is getting costlier with time with no hopes of getting any better.

If you start investing sooner, as early as from your child's birth, you will find yourself in a better position to invest in moderate risky instruments giving better returns in the long run. Also, the benefit of starting to invest early is that you will have time to correct your investing decisions if the need be. Instead of investing in low risk fixed income securities, one should explore different avenues of investments that will provide higher returns in the long run. A good idea would be to start with a SIP and enjoy the benefit of compounding.

However, as this is long-term planning, make sure you are timely reviewing your child's fund in intervals for any rebalancing. This will enable you to adjust your investment strategies according to the market conditions and your goals.

#### 2.Invest according to child's short-term and long-term goals

It is essential to divide the financial goals of even your children into short term and long term. Short-term goals can include all the expenses you must incur within the next 1-2 year, like school fees or any kids' extracurricular activities fees.

Long-term goals would consist of university admission and fees, abroad education, child's marriage, etc. Parents can start investing for both short term and long-term goals. For long-term goals, equity investments can be considered, which offer moderate risk with good returns. For short-term goals, surplus funds can be invested in liquid assets like FDs or debt funds relatively less risky.

#### 3. Purchase health and term insurance covering your children

Having a robust investment plan is the first step; however, it's not enough. Good financial planning is incomplete unless your children are protected under a good health and life insurance plan. Consider all the terms and conditions and how they will affect while selecting a plan.

While purchasing life insurance to protect your family and children, make sure you select a premium waiver plan that will provide financial backing to your family in case of unfortunate events.

#### 4.Look for partial withdrawal investment plans.

If you start early, investing in your child's future will be a very long-term investment plan, maybe for 15-20 years. The instruments that provide both securities and good returns come with long locks in periods. One must be aware of all the terms and conditions of such long-term investment, and the instrument that allows easy withdrawal of funds for fulfilling a child's future needs would act as a boon. Investments that are not helpful in emergencies will be regretted later on.

#### 5. Appointing a Nominee

Appointing a nominee for all investments you make for your child would be a responsible move. At times, appointing a nominee is neglected. If selecting a nominee is missed out, the child may face issues in case of unfortunate events. Hence, think about all the possibilities and nominate a person reliable from your family as a nominee.

#### Documents needed to open a

# child savings account

- Bank account form (child must be filled in as first holder and parent/ guardian as joint holder)
- Child's birth certificate
   (to verify age and relationship with the parent/ guardian)
- A separate form with the necessary details of the parent/ guardian
- Address proof for the child is mandatory (ration card, Aadhaar card, passport etc.)
- Parent/ guardian's PAN card details
   (the joint holder must also have an account in the same bank)
- · Signature of the parent/ guardian
- Photographs of the parent/ guardian and even the child (if required)





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REIT - Real Estate Investment Trust; InvIT - Infrastructure Investment Trus







# How to insure your child's future

So, what are the difficulties in being financially prepared?

personal budget of the family.

Being financially prepared for



your child's education is not as easy as earlier. Today's scenario is very different, the education costs are rising, competition has increased manifolds, education is more globalised with specialised coaching to get into a good college, all of which is very expensive. Despite being aware of this, most parents neglect the **importance of child education planning**, which results in parents having to take significant amount of loans at the time of need, which affects the savings they have made for their retirement and also impacts the

#### The second question is where do you start from?

First consideration is the cost of education which is rising, and these expenses are usually higher than inflation. This means that education costs are increasing rapidly which may be much higher than your salaries. Hence it is essential for you to keep these huge costs in mind to plan your future better.

Second important consideration is to select a specific child insurance plan which is tailored to fit your needs, which other financial products may not be able to fulfil.







# Choosing a child education plan can be based on 4 simple questions as follows: -

What should be my tenure to save for my child's career goals?

The major education milestone of a child starts when they complete their 12th. At this point in time your child is likely to be 17 or 18 years of age. As a parent you should plan the period of your investment linked to the age of your child and it is recommended that you save till your child turns 17 years of age.

#### How should I decide on the amount required for my child's education?

The first and foremost thing is to identify the funds required currently for **higher education**. This will help you estimate the amount required in future which is calculated by inflating the current cost of education for the defined period. A simple thumb-rule to estimate this cost for the desired course, is by doubling the current amount after a period of 10 years. A financial advisor can help you estimate the amount that is needed for your child depending on his age and the current inflation. However the other important consideration is also the amount you can afford. It is recommended that you save at least 5-10% of your monthly salary towards your child's education.

#### When and how will this money be required for my child?

Up to class 12th, the education expenses form a part of the monthly household expenses. It is post class 12 that the expenses rise sharply and cannot be met through the routine monthly household expenses. Professional education like medical science, engineering, computer science and MBA cost higher. Your child's first important education milestone is when he/she is completing graduation. Most of the graduation courses vary from 3 years to 5 years. You

can safely assume that you will need money for 4 years. Also keep in mind that a higher sum of money is required immediately after the child finishes his 12th board exams usually for application fees to various courses, entrance exams, hostel fees, travel etc.

#### Will my family and child be secured if I am not around?

This is the most important question while planning for your child's education. The education should remain uninterrupted even on death of the parent. As I mentioned earlier, child plans offered by various **life insurance companies**' score higher than other alternatives such as fixed deposits and mutual funds because they offer significant amount of structured protection which helps the family in case of death of the earning parent. A good child insurance plan offers a lump-sum payment on the death of the policyholder, but the policy does not end. Also, all future premiums are waived and the insurance company continues investing this money on behalf of the policyholder. There is an amount which is given to the child every year to fund the school education along with the money pre-decided for specific milestones towards higher education. In this way, the parent ensures that his child's needs are taken care of even when he is not around.

A better future for a child is one thing that no parent will compromise on, and for that it is important to build a financial backup and prioritise expenses. There is saying that "A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow". Hence begin the process of saving and investing early and in a disciplined manner by opting for a child insurance plan. This will enable you to create an adequate corpus to fulfil your children's desires and ambitions in future.







# **FUN ANIMAL FACTS**



Everyone should know



Unicorn is the official national animal of Scotland.



Saltwater crocodiles have the most powerful bite in the world.



Sharks are only able to

move forward, and they

can die if they swim

backward.

A single **ant** can carry 50 times its own body weight.



Horses are capable of seeing nearly 360 degrees at one time.



One species of jellyfish is immortal.
It's name is Turritopsis dohrnii



Pandas love to be alone.



Scientists believe that **penguins** have evolved from flying birds.



Dogs can detect cancer in their owner's body.



Platypus is the only animal that has no stomach.



Male **bees** are unable to feed without assistance from female bees.



Monkeys always eat bananas after peeling.

## Have You Planned for your child's future?

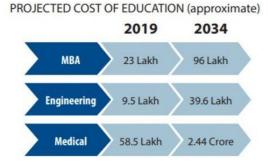
From the moment our child is born, we parents work very sincerely so that our child may dream big without having to think twice about finances and therefore apply ourselves to achieve the same. The aspirations of the current generation of children are bigger and more specific than those of previous generations. We are also a very different generation of parents. We more than support our children to be ambitious and not to settle for less.

#### High aspirations, however, come at a price.

The cost of higher education in India has seen double digit growth (in percentage terms) over the past two decades. The charges for a 4-year engineering degree (B.Tech/B.E) in the premier Government institutes are about Rs 9-10 lakhs. At some of the top private institutes, the cost of engineering education can be as high as Rs 15-20 lakhs.

Every birthday of your child or milestone achieved is an occasion to invest more for them, thus enabling them to be better prepared for future.

Have you planned for your child's future?



Monthly savings needed for professional education in 2034?

Rs. 19,231

Rs. 7,943

Rs. 48,915

The above figures are rounded off to the nearest hundred.

Source: Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad, IIT – Bombay, Manipal University – Mangalore.

Costs depicted based on the education costs for the Post Graduate Programme in Management at Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad, B. Tech 4 year programme at IIT – Bombay (Fees extrapolated for 4 year course) & MBBS program at Manipal University - Mangalore. 2034 figures based on inflation figures assumed at 10% p.a. Monthly investment needed to build such corpus by 2034 calculated based on a 15 Year SIP investment returning 12% p.a.

The expenditure for a medical degree is similar, if not a little higher. In the decade, assuming an inflation rate of 10%, the cost of engineering or medical education may be between Rs 25 – 45 lakhs. An MBA from one of the premier institutes will expend about Rs 20 lakhs. 10 years from now, you should be prepared to shell out Rs 50 lakhs for your child's MBA.

While the ever-increasing cost of education and weddings due to inflation is beyond our control. We also cannot let our child, with enormous ability and intelligence, forsake his or her aspirations or postpone any plans and settle for less.

#### **Important steps**

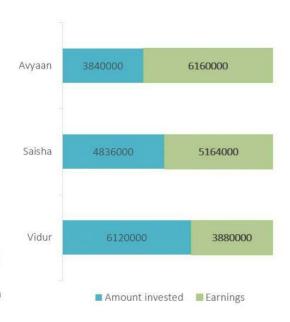
#### 1, With Investing, the earlier the better:

- Relatively, one needs to save less monthly to accumulate the same corpus, assuming everything else being constant. Kindly refer to the table below.
- This gives the money a longer time to compound leading to a larger corpus accumulation.

Unfortunately, we often prolong our investing decisions, even without any strong reasons to do so. We feel a "few months won't make a big difference." The reality, however, is that small delays can actually significantly affect the growth of your wealth *in the long term*. The truth is being rich is not always about making big decision but also small ones like not postponing your SIP and starting the investment journey at the earliest.



- ■The journey to 1 crore!
- When Avyaan celebrated his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, his parents started an investment of 20k to reach a goal of 1 cr.
- Saisha and Vidur's parents start investing only on their 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> birthdays, hence have to contribute a higher amount on a monthly basis to accumulate 1 cr.
  - Saisha's parents will have to invest Rs. 31,000/month for 13 years.
  - Vidur's parents will have to invest Rs. 51,000 / month for 10 years.



#### 2. Do not allow yourself to withdraw now and then:

- For life's unpredictable emergencies, it may sometimes be necessary to withdraw from funds earmarked for your child.
- This can affect the future prospects of accruing the required amount by the time it is required.
- The solution is to set up distinct funds for various financial goals. One
  may set up a dedicated retirement fund, travel fund, marriage fund,
  education fund, emergency fund, medical fund and so on to take
  advantage of mental accounting and prevent such a situation.

#### 3, Remain invested for the long term. What are the options?

The cost of education is rising faster than inflation.

#### Saving is not enough, invest in the right asset!

#### What are the Returns from Different Asset Classes?

Traditionally, the options for saving for a long term goal were Fixed Deposits and Life Insurance Savings Policies (endowment schemes). The average rate of interest on Fixed Deposits over the past decade is about 7.5%. This is entirely

#### **Returns from Traditional Investments**



taxable depending on which tax bracket is applicable to the investor. For investors in the 30% tax slab, the average post tax return was about 5.3%.

With endowment policies, whether through Government or Private insurers, the historical internal rate of return was 5-6%. During the building up stage of financial planning, the choice of asset class plays a critical role in determining achievement of the goal. Research has shown that equity is the highest yielding asset class long term investment horizons. In the past decade, the Sensex has provided almost 14% annualized returns.

#### Returns delivered by Different Asset Classes from 1981 to 2020



Source: Bloomberg, RBI, SBI, Gov't Websites.

A child's higher education is one of the key financial goals for any parent. With the cost of high-quality education increasing rapidly, one has to start early and remain disciplined in their financial plan to achieve your child's goal.







# Secure Future Parenting - A Close Look at Child Plans

With a variety of child plans to choose from, your children's dreams can soar, and their educational and financial needs can be fulfilled. Here's how to choose the most suitable plan for you.

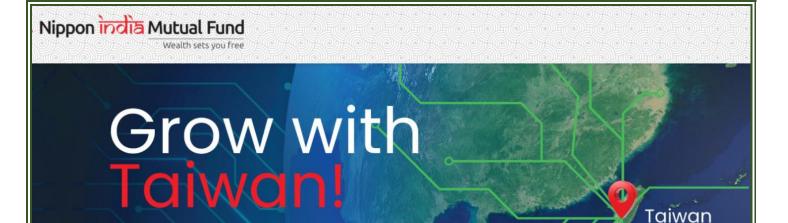
As a loving and caring parent, you hope to ensure the best future for your children. Whether they want to fly to the moon as an astronaut, or dig deep to the centre of the earth as a geologist, you want to try your best to make their dreams come true. You dream of the best of everything – the best school, best extracurricular activities, best college, best internship, best job opportunities. But while you are day dreaming about the perfect life for your little ones, how about preparing for the finances needed to make these dreams reality?

But before we jump in to look at the various offerings provided by insurers today, **you need to know what a robust child insurance plan looks like**.

- Ideally, a child insurance plan must provide an **adequate lump sum** amount in case of the policy holder's demise.
- At the same time, the **waiving of all future premiums** after the death of the policy holder is also necessary as this allows the policy to continue even after the policy holder has expired.
- From an investment point of view, a good child insurance plan offers you the flexibility to choose between investing in debt and equity markets (in a proportion of your choice).
- And for your children to reap the benefits of your investment, a good child plan offers a variety of options for your children to **withdraw money** from the investment fund.
- An exceptional child policy allows for customized pay outs, which means that based on one's requirements, one can dip into the investment pool and receive benefits as and when a requirement arises.

Though most child life insurance plans offer tax benefits under Section 80(C) and Section 10(10)D of the Income Tax Act, there are certain exceptions. According to IRDA guidelines, these benefits are only applicable as long as the sum assured is 10 times the amount being paid as premium.

Now, to secure your child's financial future, you need to invest in the best possible plan, but do you know which one that would be?



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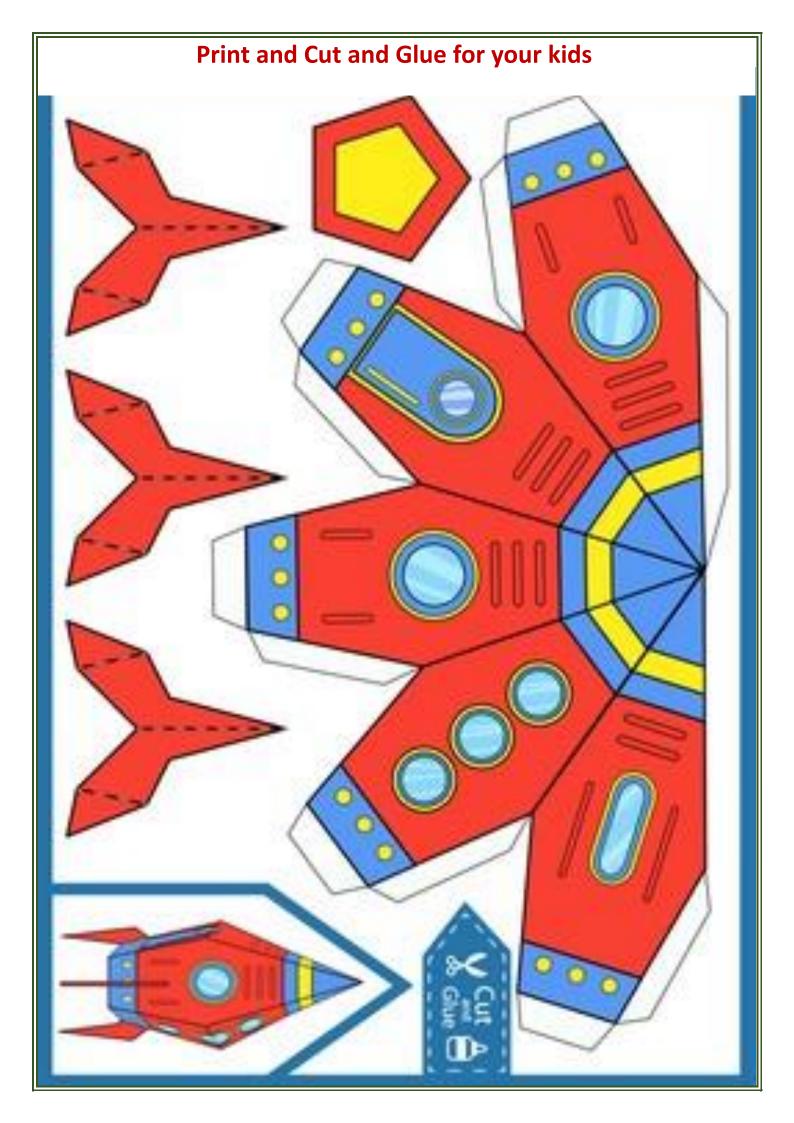
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### 8 Financial steps to take before you have a child

From health insurance to stem cell cover, maternity benefits to will preparation, there are some important steps every to-be-parent must take before they have a child.



There's no greater happiness in the world than the arrival of a new baby. From the moment the child is born, it is difficult for new parents to take their eyes off their little bundle of joy. But a child is also one of the biggest responsibilities the world has ever known. Financial planning for your child is a very important part of this responsibility. This financial planning is built upon certain crucial steps that you need to take before you have a child. We have therefore enlisted 8 financial steps that you must take before you have a child.

#### 1) Get health insurance

There is nothing more important than the health of your new born, and to look after that, both the mother and father should be physically and mentally healthy. Since medical care is quite expensive these days, it is advisable to buy a health insurance policy before you have a baby (if you haven't bought one already). Check which insurance policies cover maternity benefits. Though no company explicitly offers maternity insurance, certain companies provide benefits like consultation fee cover. Take a policy that covers your baby as well.

#### 2) Lifestyle changes

Middle Class and Upper Middle Class couples of today are used to living a more than modest lifestyle; but a baby's entry into their lives changes a lot of things. Your disposable income decreases considerably, and you can no more expect to splurge on certain indulgences the way you did earlier. It is therefore, necessary to start making certain lifestyle changes to cut down on expenses. These expense cuts depend on the kind of lifestyle you live. For example, spending less on clothes and accessories, fewer dinners outdoors, less partying etc.

#### 3) Review insurance

Before you have a baby, you must also review your existing life insurance policies and in case you don't have a policy, you must buy one immediately. If you have already got a life insurance policy, then you have to check with your agency to ask if they would allow enhancing the cover. If they do not provide this facility, you should buy a new policy soon.

#### 4) Check maternity benefits/ leave provided by the employer

If you are an expecting mother, you need to check your employers' maternity leave policy and other maternity benefits provided by the company. Most companies offer paid maternity leave for 3 to 6 months. Some companies also offer unpaid sabbatical up to a certain period. You also need to start saving other leaves like sick leave, paid leave, etc. to use for your pre-natal checkups during pregnancy.

#### 5) Stem cell cover

Stem cells can treat various illnesses and lifestyle diseases, and new parents are often encouraged by stem cell banks and doctors to preserve their children's stem cells. Preserving stem cells becomes important if your family has a history of certain diseases, like Leukaemia. Once you decide to go for it, there are other decisions to make like choosing the right stem cell bank and arranging the money required to meet the cost of preserving the cells, and deciding whether you want to make a onetime payment or opt for monthly instalments.

#### 6) Devise a long-term investment strategy

Having a child is just the start of the biggest responsibility you could ever undertake. The one thing that will be your biggest concern apart from your child's health is his or her education and career. You may not be unaware of the extremely high cost of education in the country, which includes quality primary education too. Before you have a child, you need to start finding ways to regularly invest small amounts that can be later used to fund your child's education.

#### 7) Start planning a will

Life is unpredictable and you would certainly not want your child to be left without someone to look after him or her if anything should happen to you. You need to start considering some of your close relatives for the role of the guardians of your child. You will also need to start deciding how your fund will be used to look after your child after you are gone. Creating a trust fund is one good option.

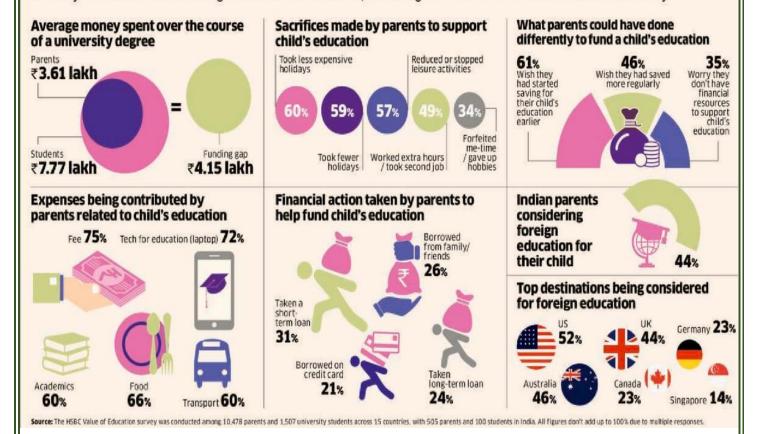
#### 8) Decision to take a sabbatical

As a couple planning for a baby, decide whether you want one parent to take a sabbatical from work to dedicate all the time to the baby. If you take this step, decide which among the two of you would be the stay-at-home parent. Remember, this can make you both severely cash strapped, as this means you would have to survive on a single person's salary, so think it through. If you decide not to quit, then start looking for a nanny/ day care for the child, unless you have a family member to look after your child in your absence. In both cases, you must start arranging the money needed to bear the cost of increased expenses.

Financial planning for your child does not have to be as daunting as it seems. With certain right steps (like the ones mentioned above), taken in time, it can happen very smoothly, thus, proving the adage- a stitch in time saves nine.

# 61% regret late start for child's education

As many as 44% still want a foreign education for the child, according to a recent HSBC Value of Education survey.









# RANDOM FACTS

That you won't believe are true



You fart on average **14 times** a day, and each fart travels from your body at **7 mph.** 



Your brain uses 10 watts of energy to think, and does not feel pain.



Before 1913 parents could mail their kids to Grandma's – through the postal service.



Cans of diet soda will float in water, regular soda cans will sink.

birthday.

In a room with 23 other people, there is a 50% chance that two of the people in the room will share a



Kangaroos can not walk



Snails take the longest naps, some lasting as long as **three years**.



Some fish cough. Really.



Your feet typically produce a pint of sweat every single day.

All babies are born with blue eyes.



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While you sleep you can't smell anything, even really, really bad or potent smells.

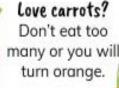


Hippopotamus **milk** is pink.



Are you terrified that a duck is watching you? Some people are. That is Anatidaephobia.

You can cut a pie into **8 pieces**, with only three cuts.





# TOP FINANCIAL TIPS FOR SINGLE PARENT TO SECURE THEIR FUTURE





Raising a child is a challenging task; raising a child single-handedly more so. There are many obstacles that a single mother needs to overcome. You need to fill in the shoes of both the parents. You also have to work to support your needs, while ensuring that your child gets a proper upbringing.

There is no guide on how to be a good single parent, but you have to be adept at juggling several responsibilities. In addition to the everyday challenges, one of the most important things that you need to take care of is your finances. In fact, having your finances in order can help ease your life and leave you free to focus on your other responsibilities.

We list some useful financial tips for single Parent.

#### 1. Analyse your requirements

You need to plan thoroughly to succeed as a single parent. First, take into account your household expenses. These can include providing for you and your child and any other dependent you may have, fulfilling your household expenses, and saving for unexpected expenses. You would also need to factor in your debts and monthly EMIs. Once you arrive at a particular sum, add some extra amount to it for emergencies. Check whether your job or business is

helping you achieve this every month. If not, you would need to start thinking about getting a new job or working part-time.

#### 2. Invest in yourself

After you have analysed your requirements, it is time to assess whether the career that you are pursuing is sufficient to meet your life goals or do you need to be thinking about changing it.

Whatever is the case, investing in yourself is always a good idea. If you already have a promising career, consider investing in it so that you grow and can provide better for you and your child. You can also consider switching careers and starting something new, which can help give you a better income and also allow you more time with your family, thus helping you balance your responsibilities.

#### 3. Create a safety net for your child

This is one of the essential single mother tips for securing your child's life. Meeting the requirements of your child is amongst the most critical responsibilities of a single parent. As a single parent, you need to take care of the educational expenses, the entertainment expenses and save for their future. Consider investing in child plans that can help secure your child's financial future. It can help provide for your child's education and secure their future. Also, you need to ensure that your child is well-cared for in case something happens to you. An insurance policy provides a financial cushion that can help ease the emotional trauma to your child. It also protects them from any financial duress that may come from your pending debts and obligations. You can opt for a child insurance plan, a term insurance plan or a life insurance policy to secure your child's life after you.







#### 4. Plan for yourself

Another essential financial tip for single parent is not to ignore yourself and your needs when planning for your child's future. Plan well ahead to realise your life goals. Apart from savings, you can also turn towards financial instruments like mutual funds to prepare for your future. You can opt for loans to buy a house or a vehicle. However, plan how you will be repaying the loans to ensure that they do not cut into your other responsibilities, and you do not have to face unnecessary financial duress.

#### 5. Be an example

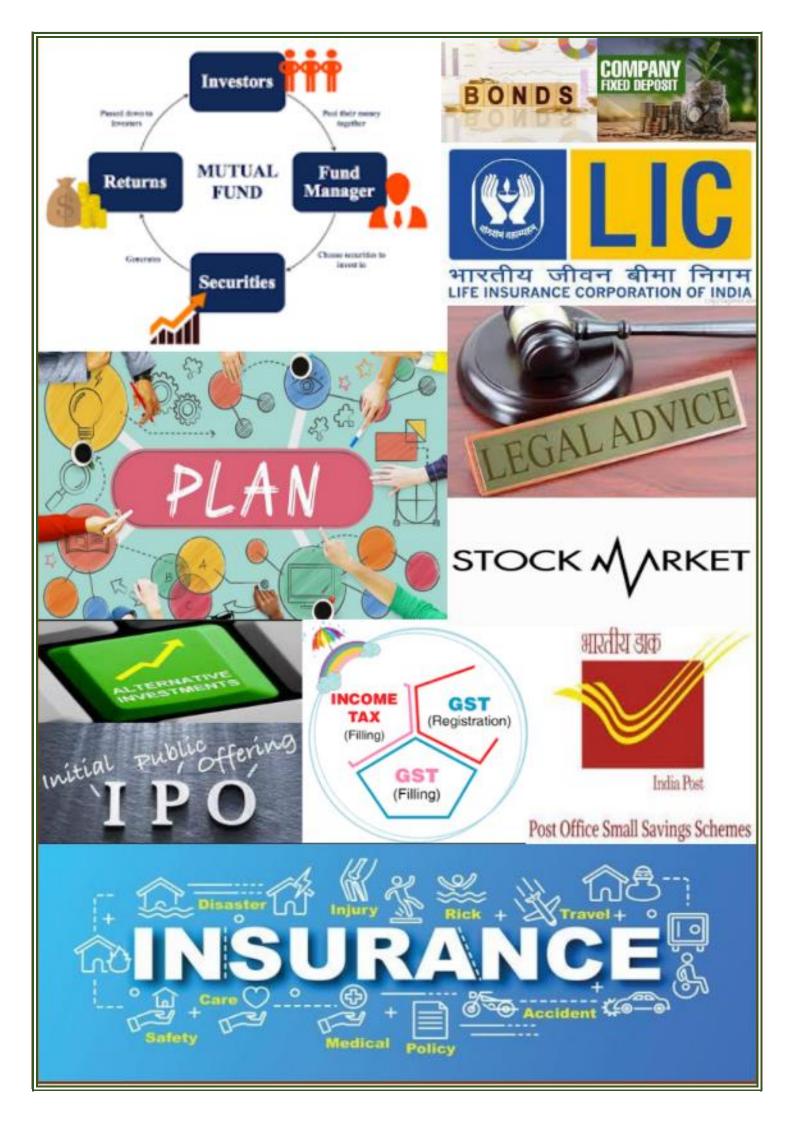
You need to lead your child by example. Involve them in all the financial matters. Teach them the basics of finance like saving, the concept of interest and investment. Let them handle their finances under your watch. Let them manage their allowances to give them practice. Make your children nominees in every scheme. If they are young, you can appoint a guardian to stand in for them till they are eighteen. It is also advisable to make a will for your child to prepare for any eventuality.

#### 6. Ask for help

If any of this seems too overwhelming for you, you can enlist the help of professionals. A tax consultant can help you in filing tax returns and also give suggestions on how you can save taxes. A financial planner can help better align your financial planning with your requirements. While they may charge a fee, it is advisable, as they have more experience and knowledge about the field. They can make planning for a secure future for you and your child easier.

Raising a child by yourself is hard enough. However, you can rise to the challenge by proper planning and keeping these financial tips for single parent in mind. While the task can be overwhelming, you can sail through having your finances in order and having a support system in place.

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