Come June, the corporate world is ready to provide a red carpet welcome to the MBA grads. After completing two years of professional management education, these youngsters are now on the verge of an exciting career. An enviable clan, as not only do companies woo them during campus recruitment with fancy salaries but also nurture them with well-designed induction programmes.

Keep your feet on the ground

MBA students are often accused of being in a great hurry and carrying a chip on their shoulder. A sensible person should hide his time and learn as much as he can from the first job. You should also learn to respect your seniors and indulge in active listening and not show off your power of theories and concepts. Let us appreciate and accept that indifference, resistance and resentment would get you nowhere. In fact, some humility would help you cross several hurdles.

Be patient and persistent

Patience is one virtue that can help you do lot better in your organisation. Very often those who join as management trainees complain that the training appears to be an extension of their MBA education. Let us also remember that for you, this is the entry point into the organisation.

Hence, you need to develop virtues of patience and persistence. This would also send positive signals to the seniors about your sincerity and dedication. Further, if you think that you are still doing an extended MBA, do it. Don’t forget you are now being paid a salary to do so. So, don’t complain!

Focus on performance

For the initial few months, the best strategy to be followed is to learn as much as one can, complete all allocated tasks on time and display a high level of enthusiasm.

Prove your mettle

Prove your capacity by taking up projects and assignments enthusiastically and completing them successfully. Ensure that deadlines are met and quality is of the highest standards.

Let us realise that the blue chip company you have joined has been running successfully without you and concentrate on how to add value and not fault finding. Consciousness, brevity and enthusiasm can go a long way in fueling a positive impression about you.

Review meetings and seek continuous feedback

Ensure a continuous communication channel with your immediate superior. The normal tendency of many superiors is to give negative feedback when things go wrong; else keep quiet. Solicit continuous feedback from your boss about your performance and develop your strengths and eliminate the weaknesses promptly.

It is also important to realise that in life you could even choose your spouse but not your boss. Draw inspiration from his strengths and ignore his weaknesses. Make him aware of your competencies and see how the synergy between you two can help improve your performance and that of the company.

Make wise choices and enjoy your work

To conclude, follow the good old adage, well begun is half done. At the campus itself choose your company with care. Do not be carried away by the hype, glamour or salary/perks. It is best advisable to choose a job where you have a fair degree of independence and responsibility, and is a professionally managed organisation.

Once you settle in and start contributing, you will enjoy your job and succeed too. The real acid test would be when years down the line, your resignation is accepted with a heavy heart and not as good riddance to bad rubbish.

A top-notch MBA is a considerable feat, but beware, freshers. The acid test would be to prove yourself in the industry. Humility will not hurt!