

GET YOUR FINANCIALLY SECURE YEAR STARTED

It takes years of preparation to travel into space. Your investments in the new financial year are a lot easier. But that said, just like a space mission, they too need planning. Follow these steps for a smooth journey.



BUILD A SPACE SUIT

WHAT TO DO: Begin your financial year by buying life and health insurance.

WHY: No astronaut can function without the protective layer of the space suit. Similarly, insurance is the first layer of protection for you and your family.

TIP: Your company's group insurance may not be enough. Spread out premium payments to ensure affordability.



CONSERVE FIRST, EXPEND LATER

WHAT TO DO: Save first, spend after. Make sure you keep this amount in a separate bank account.

WHY: It's important to ensure the food and other supplies last through the mission duration. Likewise, ensure you don't splurge on your pay day.

TIP: Schedule your savings and investments for a day or two immediately after pay day.

MAKE YOUR CHECKLIST

WHAT TO DO: Just like every astronaut's mission documents, write down your next year's goals along with their specifics.

WHY: Clear goals become the starting point of your investment plan for the year.

TIP: Prioritise your goals and demarcate short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals clearly.



AMP UP THE PLANNING, TRAINING

WHAT TO DO: Carefully understand your current financial situation and make a suitable annual investment plan.

WHY: Be it a space mission or your finances, both need planning and research.

TIP: Opt for Equity Funds for creating wealth if you can assume risks. Risk-averse investors can go for Debt Funds for capital protection.



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TAKE ONE SMALL STEP, A GIANT LEAP FORWARD

WHAT TO DO: Enter the new financial year with a Systematic Investment Plan (SIP). Start with as little as ₹ 500, if you must.

WHY: Studies show that you become taller in Space. And, SIP's history shows that you can become richer in future, provided you start early.

TIP: Set a separate SIP in different Fund for each goal.



ACCELERATE AT THE RIGHT TIME

WHAT TO DO: Increase your SIP amount at regular intervals – either annually or along with salary hikes.

WHY: Doing so can help you reach your goal faster and also help you beat inflation in the long run.

TIP: Opt for a step-up SIP to automatically increase your SIP investment by a fixed rate and at predetermined intervals.



PREPARING FOR THE WORST

WHAT TO DO: Create an Emergency Fund by contributing 5-10% of your monthly salary to it. Make the most of your bonuses too.

WHY: Spacecrafts have emergency systems installed. Your finances need a saviour too.

TIP: Don't touch your Emergency Fund for usual expenses.



GO DIGITAL

WHAT TO DO: This financial year, switch to using soft copies of your documents.

WHY: Astronaut's footprints on the moon remain forever, but your financial proofs may not.

TIP: Keep your documents in order because you will need them while filing your Taxes next year.



BE ALERT AND TRACK CLOSELY

WHAT TO DO: Review your portfolio quarterly, half-yearly or annually to tackle market fluctuations.

WHY: Imagine launching a spacecraft

and not tracking its activities. Dangerous, right? Similarly, creating an investment portfolio and not monitoring it can be harmful for your finances.

TIP: SIP helps get over volatility. Irrespective, rebalance your portfolio as per your changing needs.



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