



R FIRST SALARY SERIES

Are you building financial freedom... or mortgaging your future?

Are you investing... or just trapped in **instant gratification** disguised as success?

The first salary story nobody teaches you.

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THE MOMENT

The First Salary Feeling

After years of exams, presentations, sleepless nights & pouring lakhs into an MBA program partly funded through a friendly education loan... he finally got placed.

Then came **1st May**.

✔ **At around 1 AM:** "Salary Credited:
₹48,680/-
That moment felt surreal. This was not just salary. It was **personal freedom**."

📄 Freedom to indulge into everything that he always wanted but couldn't do so until now...as he knew even before asking...
"Abba nahi manenge"

For the first time:



Buy what he liked



Go where he wanted

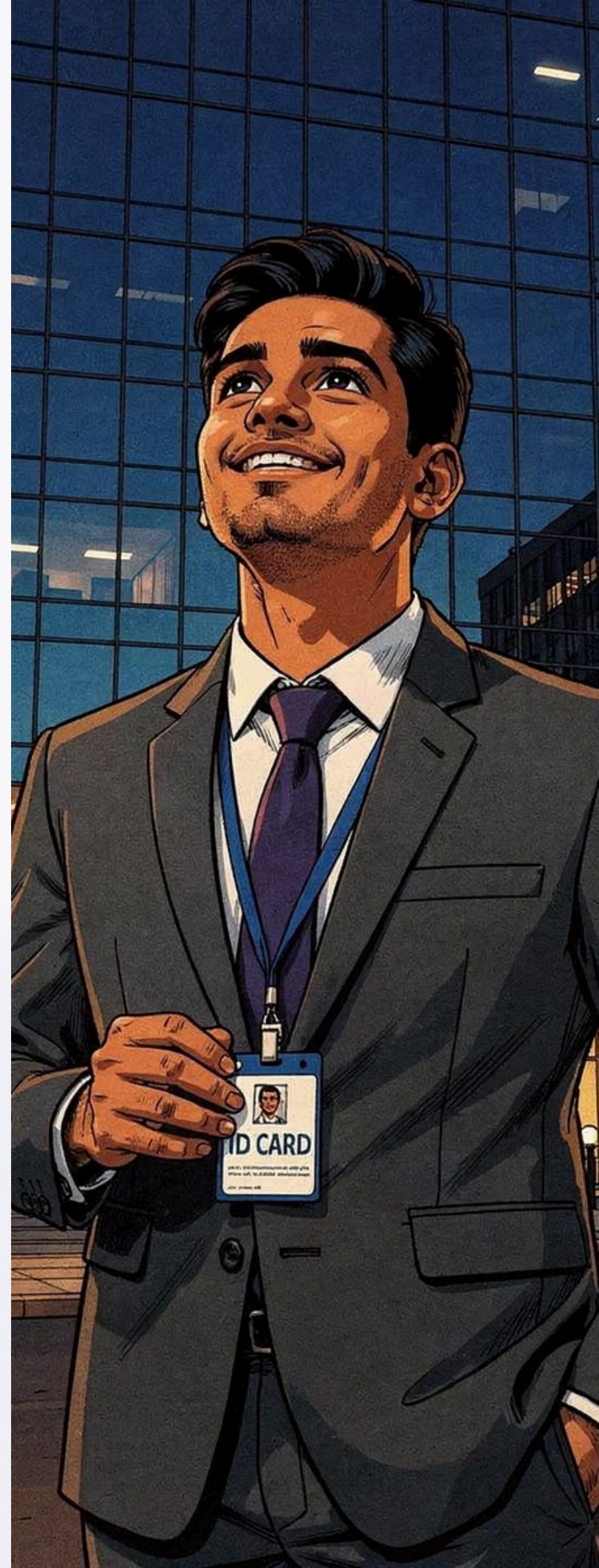


Spend without permission



Not feel guilty for any of it

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The Reality Check

We've all heard somewhere:
"With great power comes great responsibility"

But in personal finance, it often means:
"With great salary comes greater EMIs".

Within a few months of joining, this guy chose to buy a dream car.

Dream Car EMI
₹35,000 / month

Monthly Salary
₹48,680 / month

And no sooner the Instagram likes dried up... that feeling of freedom started feeling heavy.

Nobody teaches young earners how dangerous the road ahead can be:

→ **Lifestyle Inflation**
Silently erodes every rupee you earn

→ **External Shocks**
A war several miles away

→ **One Layoff Email**
One management decision, one tech disruption (Remember Oracle?)

📌 The difference between financial freedom & financial stress is often just **one decision** — yours, or someone else's.

So here's a quick roadmap to start your financial journey...

Build Your Emergency Corpus First

Before investments. Before luxury. Before flexing — build emergency corpus first.

Control Emotions Early

- In the first 7–8 months: keep savings ratio extremely high.
- **Save 50–60% of salary initially.**
- Target: 4–5 months salary buffer initially. Gradually build to 6–7 months.

Why It Matters

Early years decide whether you **build assets** or become **trapped in liabilities**.

A simple Recurring Deposit (RD) may sound outdated in the age of crypto & trading screenshots... but for young earners building fast corpus, it still works brilliantly.

 Emergency corpus is NOT thrill money...its a back up!

Simple Emergency Corpus Structure



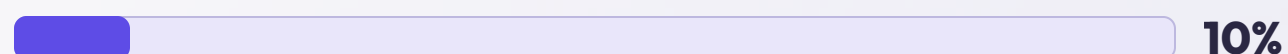
Fixed Deposit

Stable, liquid, safe foundation



Debt MF

Slightly better returns with low risk



Equity MF

Small growth kicker to beat inflation

Invest Your Time Aggressively

Your **earning capability is your biggest asset** initially. Invest your time aggressively in:



New Skills

It can't be like *"Ab bas..Bohot padh liya"* .

You need to keep up the learning and continuously evolve as a better professional.



Networking

Build connections within your own domain and cross-functional areas.

Relationships compound just like money.



Personal Branding

Your reputation and visibility in your field is an asset that no market crash can take away from you.

Never give up on learning...

Remember...Once a student... forever a student. — Else life can be a hard teacher

The Salary Split

Once your emergency corpus is built — reduce RD allocation & gradually shift towards **SIPs**.

Without Loan Repayments

- Investments → 30%
- Necessities → 40%
- Learning → 15%
- Lifestyle → 15%

With Loan Repayments

- Investments → 25%
- Necessities → 40%
- Learning → 10%
- Lifestyle → 10%
- Repayments → 15%

✔ **Golden Rule:** "Park investments first. Spend the rest." — Not the other way around.

Protect Yourself Properly

Don't rely entirely on **company mediclaim**. Jobs change. Policies stop.

Yourself

Personal health cover independent of your employer — because your job security is not guaranteed.

Your Parents

Senior citizen health plans are expensive if bought late. Start early to lock in lower premiums.

Your Future Cash Flows

Term insurance protects the income you haven't yet earned — securing those who depend on you.

⚠ Insurance is not an expense. It is the **foundation** that keeps your financial plan from collapsing in a crisis.

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Build Long-Term Stability

→ Lifecycle Mutual Funds

Explore lifecycle mutual funds introduced by SEBI — designed to automatically rebalance as you age.

→ Diversify Across Asset Classes

Gradually spread across Equities, Mutual Funds, Fixed Deposits, and EGR-Gold for balanced growth.

→ Build Second Income Streams

Create income sources that help you build assets — not just cover expenses. Passive income accelerates compounding.

→ Avoid Depreciating Luxury Assets at start of your career

Especially on loans or credit cards

⊗ **EMIs quietly kill compounding years.** Every rupee locked in a liability is a rupee not growing for your future.

FINAL THOUGHT

Plant a rupee today. Harvest a fortune tomorrow. That's compounding

Slow....

It is okay to start small. Every great financial journey begins with a single disciplined decision.

But Steady

Consistency over time beats intensity in bursts. Show up for your financial goals every single month.

Wins the race

Compounding rewards patience above all else. The magic happens quietly — then all at once.

Are you building assets... or just upgrading liabilities?

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