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Rising From A Deep Slumber, India Sure Wakes Up...But When?

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Not all of us wake up to the chirping of birds, some of us have to keep hitting the snooze button, till the sound becomes either too painful or un-ignorable. Well, if you can relate to this, chances are that you've had your fair share of experiences with the Indian dictat of waking up late, arriving late, realising late... you get the gist. Oh! Did we just hear “Not true!?” In that case, this top story is just for you.

Waking up with Bollywood

Some of us like waking up to songs. And then there are some who like waking up to a complete movie. Subtle hint: some being us. What else can explain, us waking up to the beyond ordinary wins of our own athletes only when their brilliance was showcased on 70 mm. Remember Mary Kom? Yes, yes the same female boxing champion who was the only woman to win world amateur boxing championship, five times. But you got to know about her only when ‘Priyanka Chopra undergoes intensive training for Mary Kom’ hit the headline. Take Dangal, one of the highest grossing movies ever, as another example. The Phogat sisters were appreciated for their tal-

ent at international wrestling only after their victories at the CWG were depicted in the Aamir Khan starring blockbuster, even more than when they actually won in 2010. 7 years later, India woke up.

Waking up with SRK

TED talks, have been around for 1990. Delivering motivational speeches about important topics; they have inspired, educated and even enlightened. But who cares? Because apparently, “Bade bade desh me aise choti choti baatein hoti rehti hain.” But that was only until Mr Badshaah descended on the stage of TED. 2017. ‘TED SRK’ became

the most googled term. Talking about humanity as an aging star, SRK opened eyes to humanity and the world of TED. So yes, India woke up, but only when SRK rang the bell. 27 years later, India woke up.

Waking up in the west

AR Rahman has been in the music industry for 25 years, composed nearly 1500 songs, and won 130 awards. And yet the average Indian came to know about him only when he won an Academy Award for Slumdog Millionaire. In the pre-Oscar years

of his career, he worked with the Tamil industry and Bollywood, winning multiple Filmfares and national awards but his fame escalated to the pedestal his music deserved only after the West appreciated his talent. And it isn't just Rehman. Our other indigenous beauty a la yoga, saree etc found their footing on their own soil only when the West told us so. The musical genius of Rehman stirred the Indian soul, only when it came with the stamp of ‘Foreign approved’. But the fact remains, 16 years later, India woke up.

Yes, it took India years and years and rather conspicuous alarms to wake up. But the silver lining is that India woke up. And that perhaps is the most important bit. Whether you wake up to the sweet melodies of your mom's “wake up, honey” or a bucket full of water, the point is you woke up on time for that exam or anything of significance. But life isn't so kind, always. Sometimes, you wake up after having missed the bus. Here's hoping that isn't the case with India. 🇮🇳

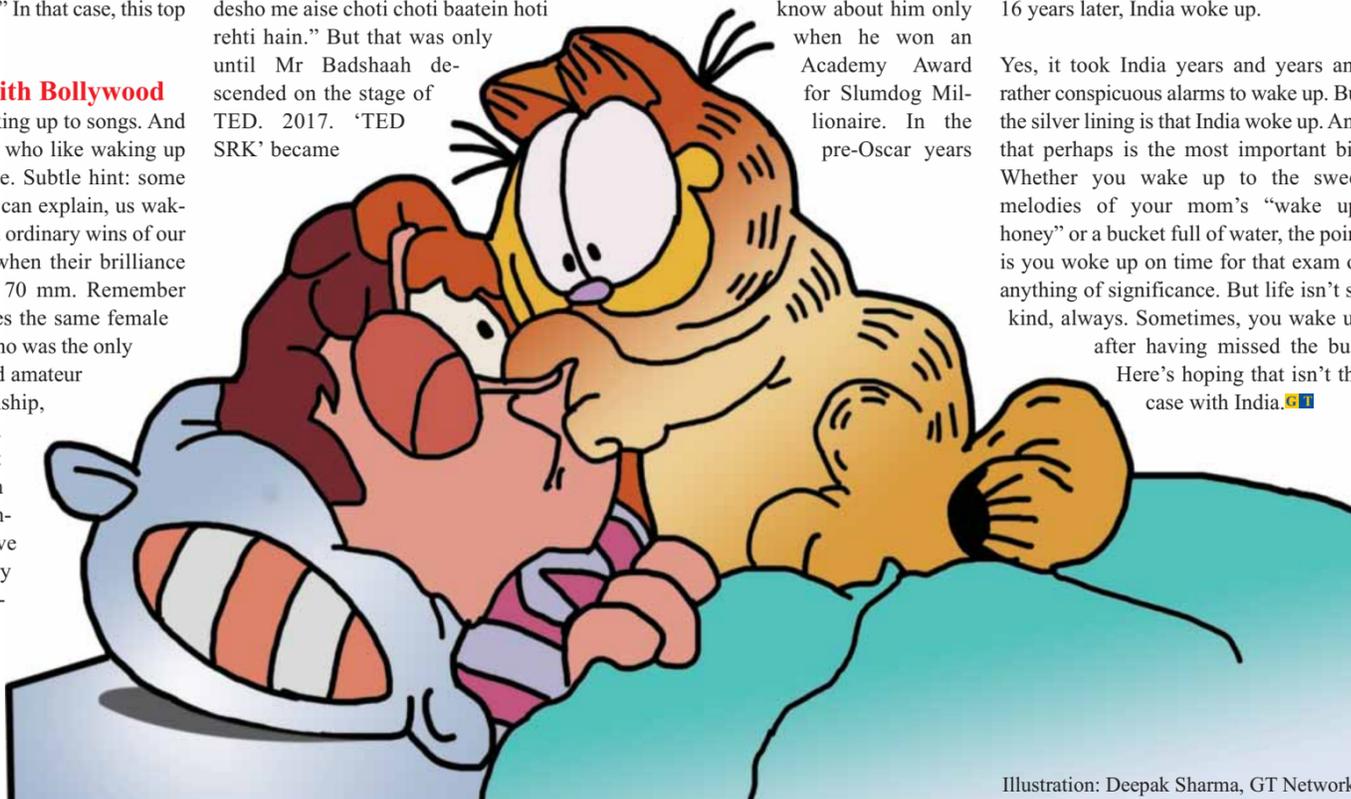


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When The Going Gets Tough, Tough Women Get Going

Neha Kabra, ASCO, Sem II, AUH

Dr Kiran Majumdar Shaw, Chairperson Biocon is a name synonymous with women power. Starting from a mere seed capital of 10,000 INR; today she is a self-made billionaire woman entrepreneur. She talks about challenges that loom at large and how to overcome them in an interview with GT during the AUH convocation ceremony where she was conferred an honorary degree.

The challenge of a woman

When I was starting Biocon, many banks rejected my loans citing gender issues. I felt that it was the most unfair thing to happen. Women are often faced with this added challenge of establishing their credibility, in addition to the routine challenges of juggling between home and family.

Overcoming the challenges: A woman has all that it takes to be a winner and achiever. If a woman is determined to achieve her goals, and is confident of her abilities then there is no stopping her. Besides, if you pursue something with a sense of purpose and clarity of mind, you can overcome any kind of challenges even if they come in the form of long established prejudices.

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Dr Kiran Majumdar Shaw with GT reporter

The challenge of a sound education

Our educational institutions don't create a culture of curiosity, a culture to pursue research. The result is that they are failing as platforms of learning. This is one of the main reasons why students these days are not pursuing research. Even the ones with analytical bend of mind also don't take research because our curriculum and education system fails to kindle their inquisitiveness.

Overcoming the challenges: Educational methods should be designed with an objective to develop a pragmatic and progressive problem-solving approach amongst students. An educational system should be project based and more focused on learning by doing. The need of the hour is programmes and projects that offer hands-on learning experience and engage students. Besides, we need to take away focus from obtaining marks and focus more on real learning and imbibing knowledge instead.

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- On the Financial Times' top 50 women in business list (2011)
- Listed as the 71st most powerful woman in the world by Forbes (2017)
- Recipient of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2002)

The challenges of a rewarding career

These days, the thin line between a job and career has diminished. Pursuing a career prods you to gain more insights into the subject and adds value to it through research and innovation. While a job, on the other hand, primarily provides for your needs. A lot of people these days prefer job over career. It is for this reason that most people can be seen complaining about their jobs and are not happy with their professional life.

Overcoming the challenges: Before you step into a given field, find your interest. Ask yourself, why am I doing this? And then take upon the task head on. Whatever you do in life, do it with a sense of purpose. Your work, your study, your ambition must excite you. Seek knowledge and strive to add value to it by pursuing the careers you have an aptitude for. The world out there is full of opportunities today; you need to find the one that excites you. 🇮🇳



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