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The Great Indian Dream

The Middle Class Edition: A Dream To Reach Beyond The Sky

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“How middle class!” said an elitist Maya Sarabhai to her daughter-in-law as she bargains with the *subziwala*, makes vase out of cold drink bottles and saves coupons, in the popular series Sarabhai vs Sarabhai. Perhaps, the makers at that point in time did not imagine middle class to be a reckoning force that it has become today. As of 2018, half of the Indian population is middle class and the biggest attraction for all foreign companies to invest their capital in the country. While middle class in the country continues to soar, so does their dreams. This is a tale of those middle class dreams that have, over the past 73 years made us who we are.

The dream of an education that empowers

Grandfather: I wish I didn't start working at the age of 14 to support my family.

Father: I wish I had enough resources-so that I could complete my graduation

Son: I hope I can go abroad to pursue MBA

At the advent of Independence, only 30% of eligible children received elementary education. In 1951, the literacy rate was a meagre 19.3% with 10% adolescents attending secondary schools and only 1% obtaining university level education. Education, after all, was a far-fetched dream.

The dream for education gained ground with the National Policy on Education Act of 1986 coming in. It ensured that every child, irrespective of their background, had the right to be educated. And the literacy rate soared to 40.76% in 1981. As per 2015 census, the literacy rate of our country stands at 71.96%. Today, India has approx 20,000 colleges, 42 central universities, 275 state universities and 313 private universities. And yet those in queue for admissions can't be ignored. From having to choose between whether to educate a daughter or a son to deciding amongst Stanford and Harvard, the dilemma, though evolved, remains constant.

The dream of food that fills our stomach

Grandfather: I wished I could arrange for a square meal then.

Father: I wish I could take my family out to an Italian Restaurant.

Son: I hope my burger gets delivered on time!

Food is a necessity, but for a hunger and poverty stricken India, a stomach full was a dream. A famine that afflicted the nation in 1943, saw a loss of over 2 million people. During its early years as an independent state, India produced about 50 million tonnes of food grains annually; however, even that didn't suffice for a population of 340 million. Later in 1965, when Bihar was hit by a massive famine, there was no loss of life – a result of various schemes and subsidies by the government. From 11.2 million tonnes in 1963 to 24.9 million tonnes in 1973, the growth multiplied rapidly over the years.

Currently, India produces five times its 1947 share of grains and food security is no longer a crisis. With 60% of Indian millennials eating out, at least thrice a month, we sure have come a long way.

From hitting on the roadside dhabas to craving for your pizza delivery at home, the hunger, though satiated, remains constant.

The dream of living in a heavenly home

Grandfather: I wish I had a roof over my head.

Father: I wish I owned a 2BHK flat.

Son: I wish I had a penthouse with a swimming pool.

Home sweet home. A roof over head. A simple dream or maybe an unattainable one for a newly independent India. In 1947, there was one architect available for one million people. The partition worsened the situation further with an influx of 12 million refugees.

Struggling to find a home, we made a way to slums, with 48 million slums in 1985. Housing loans were still inaccessible and so was the concept of owning a home. Deficit in housing has dropped by 25%.

From falling short of 18.76 million houses in 2011 to 10 million in 2017, we have come a long way of fulfilling dreams. No, we aren't ignoring the countless who still remain homeless, but giving them a hope that their dream too will find a way.

These dreams maybe a mere microscopic reflection of the vast sea of aspirations that India is. But these dreams, some fulfilled, some unfulfilled, give us a peek into the way that dreams can create, the push they offer to go the extra mile. They show us how a poverty stricken land, reeling from after effects of colonialism can transform to the fastest developing economy in the world. So, dream on. 🇮🇳



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Time to unlock the potential

An Entrepreneur Shares Precious Glimpses Of His Visionary Journey

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Anubhav Jain, Co-founder and CEO, GoDoctor

There are some who see potential in their vision, and there are some who unlock that potential and turn it into a tangible reality. One such visionary is Anubhav Jain, Co-founder and

CEO, GoDoctor Ltd. With GoDoctor, he aims to unite the global medical community and catapult their potential, qualitatively and quantum wise. An experience spanning a decade in varied fields that include management consulting, IT and others, spread over Australian, Singapore, Japan and Indian markets, make him an entrepreneur with vision. During his visit to Amity University, Noida, for Confluence 2019, he gets candid with GT reporters for an exclusive interview.

Unlocking investment

I don't rely on numbers while making investments; I rely on intuition. It is only when I can see potential in a vision that I decide to invest in it. Many people base their decisions purely on numbers and hence can't develop a holistic view, and I think this is where they lose out.

Unlocking passion

I started my first venture in col-



Anubhav Jain with GT Reporters

lege. At that time, I had not yet developed a plan but I knew I enjoyed building and assembling computers. As the financial risk was low, I decided to experiment with my passion. I did what I loved and believed in my project, so I knew it would be a success.

Unlocking competition

If you constantly keep pushing yourself and try to stand out, competition would never be a problem. My idea of competition is always doing what you do best and take inspiration from people

who know what they are doing.

Unlocking research

Research is of primary importance in every field. While creating GoDoctor, we tried to match doctors and patients but it wasn't possible without an access to the background of both. We tried to bridge the gap between the community of medical professionals and patients and realised that the knowledge distribution is absent. We started off with organising the chaos within the medical community and recording what

the doctors and patients were going through to find the right match in the future.

Unlocking success

Despite all the hard work you may put in, achieving success boils down to the basics: the right skills. There are two key soft skills without which no one can achieve success: confidence and communication. One should also have the ability to learn and unlearn information. Consumer behaviour is a dynamic process. So, in order to become a successful entrepreneur, you need to constantly keep updating and innovating yourself and your company's policies.

Unlocking the message

Always remember who you are. When people try to make your vision hazy, believe in your potential and core values and keep moving forward. Define your goals and never let anyone deter you from your path to success and ultimately, happiness. 🇮🇳