

QUOTES

Rima Das — Village Rockstars

A self taught filmmaker (never been to a film school), from a small village Kalardiya in Assam. Her film 'Village Rockstars' announced to be Dadā's official selection to the Oscars in the Foreign Language Film category. Made over a period of 4 years, the film was shot on a hand-held camera and a shoe-string budget in rural Assam and casts non-professional actors, sourced mostly from her village. Also Best Feature film in 65th N^o Film Awards. She did camera, editing, producing, directing etc.

Came to Mumbai in 2003, wanted to be an actor, failed as an actor, then worked in plays, teaching herself the craft, was her own teacher.

She became an overnight star

Life can be tough for migrants. Especially those looking for work as domestic helpers. They leave their homes and families to seek livelihoods in the city, and when they arrive they have to knock on doors to find a job.

Meenakshi didn't think this was right. So she founded Helper4U, a service that helps them connect with prospective employers easily through their mobile phones.

With mentorship from Facebook's Code for the Next Billion program, Meenakshi made improvements to the service. Now, she's enabling more domestic helpers to earn better and provide a brighter future for their families.

When startups grow, India prospers.

Meenakshi G. Jain
Mumbai (Mah)

Helper4U

Facebook's Code for
the Next Billion
Programs

Kalpana was determined not to let motherhood put an end to her professional life. So she started her own business, making 'poola jada' - traditional floral decorations worn by brides - alongside three other women working from her home. But Kalpana wasn't about to stop there. With a little help from a Facebook Page and a whole lot of marketing savvy, things grew very quickly.

Now, Pelli Poola Jada employs over 300 female artisans across six states. Kalpana's determination to keep her financial independence has created more than just a successful business. It's created the opportunity for 300 families across India to lead better lives.

When small businesses grow, India prospers

See how Facebook is supporting them at

also Pabiben.com → Rajasthan traditional local handwork

Sunil : "Babaji, what type of father you are?"
You never bother to ask how we are or about our studies.

LB Shastri : "Sunil, you are an intelligent boy. You should also realize that the people of this country have put the great responsibility of the PM on my shoulders. As the head of the nation, my family is not limited to you children but also the whole country is my bigger family... I am, sure, Sunil, you will appreciate my feelings and would not feel hurt anymore. I love you and will love you always."

Sunil Shastri (his son),

Below is an excerpt from the book "Lal Bahadur Shastri"
by Sunil Shastri

Ethics page no 319.

Privilege is invisible to those who have it.

Michael Kimmel

Conservation is a state of harmony b/w men and land.

Aldo Leopold.

School is a building ^{which has} ~~with~~ 4 walls, with tomorrows inside.
LON WATERS

! A Judiciary independent of a king or executive alone, is a good thing.

Thomas Jefferson.

"Edu" should be handmaid of citizenship

Calvin Coolidge

⑥ The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is in the greatest poverty.

Mother Teresa.

⑦ A society that can't take care of its sick persons is seriously ill.

Shah Alam Khan

⑧ Look at problems, especially big ~~ones~~ problems facing Indian society, not in parts, but in their totality and integrality

"Samasyaon ko tukdo mein nahin, samagrata mein dekhna chahiye".
Vajpayee

⑨ 32nd verse of 6th chapter Bhagwat Gita

(Shri Pragy)

"Lord Krishna tells Arjun that the sign of a true Yogi is one who treats everyone with equality and who finds his own happiness in the happiness of others and feels pain in their pain."

⑩ I think of space not as the final frontier but as the next frontier.
Neil DeGrasse Tyson

• "The faith in oneself is true religiosity, and hence "you are an atheist if you don't believe in yourself"
Vivekananda

• All the rights secured to citizens are a mere bubble, except guarded by an independent and virtuous Judiciary.

Andrew Jackson.

→ It is the consumer which makes poor people rich and rich people poor.

Ludwig von Mises. (L. von Mises)

• A university is a giant's group of buildings gathered around a library.
Shelby Steele.

• All the rights secured to citizens are a mere bubble, except guaranteed by an independent and virtuous judiciary.
Andrew Jackson.

★ Prohibition is the trigger of Crime. Dan Fleming.

• The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame.

Oscar Wilde.

→ When religion and politics ~~are~~ ride in the same cart, the whirlwind follows.

Frank Herbert.

→ Religion ~~is~~ no test of ~~morality~~ morality

→ Religion is no test of Nationality, but a personal matter b/w Man and his God.

Mahatma Gandhi

→ Power doesn't corrupt people, people corrupt power.
William Gaddis.

① We have a diversity of cultures.

We belong to different religions.

We speak a variety of languages.

But we are all one. We are all Indians.

RAJIV GANDHI

② "Education must make our people the masters of technology and not its slaves. We must not ape or imitate. We must understand, modify and use knowledge for our benefit and for the country's benefit. Education must help us fight injustice, intolerance and superstition"

Rajiv Gandhi

③ Cultivators of the Earth are the most valuable citizens ^(Farmer)

Thomas Jefferson

④ "All men are equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness"

American declaration of Independence 1776

⑤ "The 2 words information & comm" are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite diff things. Info is giving out, comm" is getting through"

Sydney J. Harris

⑥ Where there is info, there is enlightenment.

Where there is debate, there are solutions.

Where there is no sharing of power, no rule of law,
no accountability, there is

Abuse, corruption, subjugation & Indignation

⑦ If a country is to be corruption-free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are 3 key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.
APJ Abdul Kalam.

⑧ "Facts are facts and won't disappear on accounts of your likes."
JLN.

⑨ "Liberty of the press and liberty of ~~press~~ speech give birth to a nation and nourish it" - Tilak

⑩ "Let us work for a new India; an India ~~to~~ which would make our valiant freedom fighters proud"

Modi.

⑪ "Don't ask what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

John F Kennedy

⑫ All that is ancient is not necessarily good.

Nor should you think that whatever is modern is bad.

Wise people carefully analyse and come to a conclusion

whereas the foolish persons are blindly led by other's views.

Kalidasa

⑬ "Be truthful. Do your duties. Continue to study & learn. Do not swerve from the path of Truth & Dharma. and contribute something useful to the society."

Taittiriya Upanishad.

⑭ "Kaa barakhaa, jab krishi sukhaanee"

"What's the use of that untimely rain after the crop has dried up"

Tulsi Das, Ram Charit Manas.

⑮ "The outward work can never be small if the inward ~~one~~ is great, and the outward work can never be great for good if the inward is small or of little worth."

Meister Eckhart

⑯ "Do not do to others what you don't want done to yourself"

Confucius

⑰ In a controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for the truth and have begun striving for ourselves.

Buddha.

⑱ "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of gout in the next."

Abraham Lincoln.

⑲ I don't believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on them unless they act.

Buddha.

⑳ Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

Buddha

There are only 2 mistakes one can make along the road to truth, not going all the way and not starting.

① "Humanity is an end in itself" → Gandhi

② "To find yourself, you must lose yourself in the service of others" → Gandhi

③ "Be the change you want to see in the world"

④ Ganga flows in man's heart, yet man is unable to bathe in it.

⑤ I call him religious who understands the suffering of others.

⑥ VA → Worship God in all living beings through service.

⑦ Love thy neighbour as thyself and every living being is thy neighbour
(Indian Philosophy)

⑦ Prophet Muhammad

① "The best of you are those who have the most excellent morals"

② "The believers whose faith is most perfect are those who are the character"

[Character is the sum total of all that is good & noble]

⑧ Abide Purity amidst the impurities of the world.

Guru Nanak

"Truth is higher than everything else, higher still is truthful conduct" → Guru Nanak

During the battle of Anandpur Sahib in 1704, Bhai Bhaiya a follower of Guru Gobind Singh, was often seen carrying a pouch of water to quench the thirst of the wounded, ~~soldiers~~ whether they were Sikhs or soldiers of the Mughal army. This exemplifies the values of non-enmity, service and Compassion.

⑨ The body in which love doesn't dwell is a crematorium; the heart which is w/o love like a blacksmith's bellows, breathing, but lifeless."

Kabir -

⑩ "Patriotism can't be our final spiritual ~~shrine~~ shelter, my refuge is humanity. I'll not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and I will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as I live."

Rabindranath Tagore.

⑪ "Our greatness lies not so much in changing the world, but in changing ourselves."

M. Gandhi

⑫ "Our Earth is not an inheritance from our ancestors, but a loan from future generations."

M. Gandhi

⑬ "The © doesn't provide for first and second class citizens."

Wendell Lewis Willkie

You Blue and White Niles confluence with a mission
God has commanded you to give a message
~~When~~ you give a beautiful message
When we receive confluence
Oh humanity why not your hearts confluence
And you blissom with happiness
APJ Abdul kalam "Our mission is water"

"Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land."

Julia Abigail Fletcher Carney

J.A. Fletcher Carney

Learning gives creativity

Creativity leads to thinking

thinking provides knowledge

knowledge makes you great

A.P.J. Abdul kalam

Eduⁿ

"Jiwan me ~~ek~~ aisa aksar hota hai,
Rasta jo mushkil ho wahi behtar hota hai"
(It happens in life that the path which is
most difficult is the better one).

There is no planet B

FARMERS

When there is no rain,
Farmers groan in pain.
And with unseasonal rain
Their produce flood and drains.

With their life in men...
Farmers are in distress
And with no fruitful harvest
The bankers further oppress

They are in darkness grop
And find life hard to cope.
And they pick up a rope
And hang up all their hopes!

But shouldn't we find a solution
To stride over this miserable situation?
Some sort of emancipation
So as to build a prosperous nation

Rajesh Thankappan

Summer days and heatwaves
Sweat pouring down our skin
Working hard no time to rest
From the time the day begins.

Bailing hay without a shade
Not a single cloud in sight.
Gathering all the barely corn
We work until the night.

But we really are not bothered.
We've been farmers far too long.
We carry our duties
And sometimes with a song

Christopher Victor Russon

Agony and Pain,
Filled in the eyes,
Gaze seeing beyond..
Future is unpredictable
Life is ruthless
Yet,
You, My farmer you toil
the soil...

"The cultivators of the Earth
are the most valuable
citizens."
Rajesh Thankappan

Suwapna Barman

2013 Asian Games → Gold in Heptathlon → 1st woman from India → 6 feet commandeum → jaw injury

Born in Jalpaiguri, WB in 1996. She is unusual in having 6 toes on each foot. Her mother worked on a tea estate and her father was a rickshaw driver who is bed-ridden after having suffered a stroke in 2013, making life hectic for 4 children. She found it difficult to find the right food and her unusual feet caused her pain because she couldn't afford extra wide running shoes [training since ~~2006~~ 2006] since she was 10 years old.

Jack-Ma → Alibaba founder & Cm and is one of the richest person in China (a.k.a. Ma Yun)

Grown up in a very humble family background

Born in 1964 in Hangzhou, her city was a tourist Mecca, Ma started offering visitors tours of the city in exchange for English lessons. 'Jack' was a nickname was given by one of the tourists. With no money & connections, only way Ma could go ahead was education. After high school, he applied to go to college - failed the entrance exam. In the 3rd time he passed & after graduating he applied to as many jobs as he could. He attended Hangzhou Teachers Institute.

He received > 10 dozen rejection - including KFC before being hired as an English teacher (only 12\$ / month). No experience with computers or coding, but he was captivated by the internet. When he used his first search word "beer" he couldn't find a single Chinese beer → he decided to found an internet company for China.

His first 2 ventures failed, 4 years later he gathered 17 of his friends to invest in his idea of a online marketplace called 'Alibaba'. Now he is a Chinese business magnate, investor & philanthropist.

he says - "

Jack Ma Child Labour

Working with the tools and teacups,

The little hands move everyday.

Formed and for survival,

They are ready to work every way.

Some have an ailing sister,

While some have a mother

To get home a penny

They get beaten by the other

Intro

Their time is for playing

And making merry in the woods,

Let us join hands

To reclaim their Golden Childhood!

Conclude

Premchand's famous story "Panch Parmeshwar"

When Kankhu, in the story becomes the sarpunch and must decide the case where his arch rival stands accused, he is tempted to give an unfair judgement to take revenge.

However, the importance of the position and the responsibility associated with his powers of dispensing justice prick his conscience, so that he gives a fair judgement acquitting his foe.

This story → "Leadership is not a position but a responsibility"

"Her head held high, and looking everyone
in the eye

Unfraid of anyone because of innate integrity,

Possessing assuredness born of courage of conviction,

The modern woman never feels inferior to any"

Subramania Bharti, "Pudumai Am"

Abla Jeevan Teri yahi Kahani!

Aandal me hai dukh aur ankha me pani.

Woman, this is your life story

Mothering your role, sadnes your destiny.

Maithlisharan Gupta

Rabindra Nath Tagore had called for renaissance.

- "Where the mind is w/o fear
and the head is held high
- Where knowledge is free
- Where the world has not
been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls.

Intolerant India
condition

✓ Where words come out from
the depth of truth

• Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection

✓ Where ^{the} clear stream of reason has not lost its way,

• Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit.

• Where the mind is led forward by thee.

• Into the ever widening thought & action.

✓ Into the heaven of freedom, my father,
let my country awake.

My Bharat should aim for stars
My land should stay away from wars;
My eyes should see this dream some true;
Let's work for this goal, me and you.

Where children smile like sun-light beams;
And content paints the Indian deer.
That is the India of my dreams!
My motherland, I love, adore.

Dr A.C. Raj Manohar

④

8th c, when Parvis made landfall in Gujrat, via Hormuz, fleeing repression in Iran after the fall of the sasanian empire. (The apocryphal story states that) the local king, Jadi Rana, who was not a talkative sort, shows them a vessel filled with milk to the brim, indicating that his kingdom was full up & had no room for immigrants.

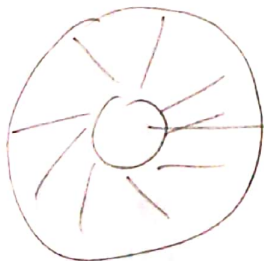
In response, a Zoroastrian priest sprinkled sugar into the milk which didn't brim over, indicating that the immigrants ~~grants~~ wouldn't take up room, but rather, would make life in the kingdom sweeter.

⑤ Conclusion → Just like a river basin drainage, media percolates through society, its capillaries deep into our lives & allowed to flow freely, and kept free from pollution, it will "Keep the whole ecosystem healthy & flourishing."

HAPPINESS

Tarubar fal nahi thaat hai
Sarovar piyat na neer
Parmarth ke karne
santan dhara shareer

Trees don't eat their fruits
neither do the rivers consume
their own water
the body and soul of a saint
is dedicated to the service of the
humanity.



→ sth is like hub of a wheel maintains the spokes & the entire wheel.

① "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

Gandhi

"To retaliate with hate and ~~blindness~~ bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world."

Martin Luther King

When evil men PLOT, good men must PLAN,
When evil men burn and BOMB, good men must BUTLE and BIND

When evil men shot ugly words of hatred, good men must
commit themselves to the glories of love.

When evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo,
good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice."

Martin Luther King

⑧ "I will always choose a lazy person to do a difficult job
Because, he'll find an easy way to do it"
Bill Gates

⑨ Simple living high thinking → Gandhi

⑩ Life is really simple, but we insist on making it
complicated — Confucius.

⑪ "Truth is never to be found in simplicity,
and not in the multiplicity & confusion of
things." — Issac Newton

⑫ Technology is all about using the power of science to
make life better for people,
to reduce cost, to improve comfort,
to improve productivity etc

[NR Narayana Murthy]

⑬ "The world is a book and those who don't
travel read only one page."

St. Augustine

① "Educating the mind w/o educating the heart is no edu at all."

ARISTOTLE

② "Edu w/o morals is like a ship w/o a compass, merely wandering nowhere"

Martin Luther King Jr.

③ "The highest edu" doesn't merely give us info but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

Rabindranath Tagore

④ "What sculpture is to a block of marble, edu" is to soul"

Joseph Addison

⑤ "The world is changed by your eg, not by your opinions"

Pablo Coelho

⑥ "Don't do to others, what you don't want done to yourself"

Confucius

⑦ "If agri fails, everything else will fail."

M.S. Swaminathan

Jai Jawan Jai Kisan → LBS.

"Cultivators of the Earth, are the most valuable citizens" → Thomas Jefferson

"Agri is the backbone of Indian Economy." → Gandhi