

Ambition is the trajectory to success in Chetan bhagat's "Revolution 2020"

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Abstract

Indian English literature, quite understandably spurs attention from every quarter of the country making the genre admired in its own right. Creative writing in English is looked at as an integral part of literary traditions in the Indian perspective of honest enterprise to demonstrate the ever rare gems of Indian writing in English. Style of Indian English literature "stylistic influence" from the local languages appears to be an exceptional feature of much of the Indian literature in English. Ambition makes life challenging and challenges make life interesting. Ambition is the strong desire to achieve something in life. Many of the Indian English writer's emphasis on the importance of individual freedom. Chetan Bhagat's one of the Indian writers of 21st century and he had presented his make protagonist facing the problem of existence and leading the problem to successful his life. Chetan Bhagat's project an "apparent in the Indian youth education system. Its story concerned with a love, triangle corruption and ambitious or a journey of self-discovery. He had explored this novel at closed intimate friends and good father, son relationship. Chetan Bhagat's introduced this novel "a male" protagonist. Author had carved a niche by explored the setting emerging through "a special connection to the city". He further stated that it is one of our oldest cities and people there now have modern aspiration. Chetan bhagat present the life style on Indian students and the education system relevant here in the most correct way. All the instances narrated here are part of our daily lives and hence it is close to reality.

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Introduction

"Ambition is the growth of every clime"

-William Blake king Edward III

Ambition means "a strong desire to do". And ambition is an aspiration, intention, goal, aim, and objective, purpose, plan, scheme, mission, calling, vocation, wish, end, dream, hope, more. Ambition makes life challenging and challenges make life interesting. Ambition is the strong desire to achieve something in life. A person without future ambition is like a relationship without trust. Having ambition requires continuous effort towards achieve anything if one just day dreams and does nothing. Ambition is a fundamental asset to it lets strive towards goals and accomplish all our objectives on the path to success.

The natures of ambition person are quick and active and they work enthusiastically. As long as they are successful they are only a little trouble some but they are not dangerous. If a government or a king employs such a person, he should be careful in handing them. Ambition is the worst quality which a government servant can have. Some advantages of ambitious people are dangerous, they should be employed only in an emergency or when absolutely necessary. In times of war, a good general may be employed even if he is ambition. His military skill is sufficient to excuse his defect or fault.

The second ambitious persons may be employed as cape goat or shield when the king has undertaken some dangerous or unpopular action. Thirdly such men may be used for displacing or pulling down some other person who has grown too powerful, as, for example Tiberius used Macro to bring down Sejanus. Ambition is of different kinds. First, there is the ambition to dominate in great and important matters. This

ambition is not as harmful as the other ambition to look personally even to petty matters and details. This ambition is a source of great confusion and perplexity for the sub-ordinates. Then finally there are people who are ambitious to acquire a position of eminence among other able persons. People may be ambitious to occupy a position of power and prestige for "three reasons"

- Because it enables them to do well to others.
- Secondly because it gives them access to the king and other people of importance.
- Thirdly because it enables them to improve their own fortunes. The best ambition is that of doing well to others.

"Once upon a time, in a small-town India, there lived two intelligent boys, one wanted to use his intelligence to make money, one wanted to use his intelligence to create a revolution, the problem was, they both loved the same girl". "Revolution 2020" Chetan bhagat's commentary on system. My love hate relationship with Chetan bhagat's writing continues. I had really liked reading "two states" since the storyline remained integral and did not confuse. A single idea creating the story and taking it to completion. Unfortunately, "Revolution 2020" is not the same. The plot confuses you even though it tries to co-very so many topics in one story. It is author's commentary on Indian's education and political system but does not have enough depth to make a mark. This story is about three friends who grow up in holy city of Varanasi. Two of the boys, both love the same girl, their third friend and the girl is completely confused about both of them. Both the boys also have strong Ambition. One wants to bring in a Revolution and other wants to become rich. What happens in the end is a very messy affair between all of them and you left wondering about the aim of book. I like the three-sided

love story angle in the book even though it has been done so many times. Reading it in the narrative style of this author brings some freshness to the story. It is very contemporary and keeps you hooked till the end.

But looks like the author wanted to go beyond the love story and ended up mixing it with issue of corruption and education. He talks about how young people prepare for engineering entrance examination and how it has become an industry on its own. How a person who does not get admission in engineering college Amazing idea, but what was the need to mix these two plot's together. Even though I am complaining about the book, I still could not put in down after I had started reading it. You want Gopal to win everything in life and not Raghav who is a actually after the revolution. Copal remains the loser who ends up hitting big time in collaboration with corrupt politician but ends up losing his girl due to his "good" nature, does it make sense? Look like it makes to this author. It is quite possible; I would have felt good if Gopal had won the girl in the end.

"Old friends are old friends. Boyfriends and all are fine, but they never understand you like old friends' can." pp 173 Chetan bhagat's Revolution 2020 deals with love and ambition and corruption. He introduced three character's great ambition person and success they life. Great ambition characters in "Revolution 2020" Gopal, Raghav.

Raghav was from a middle class family and was finely mannered and knew what was good and what was bad. Raghav used to accompany his friend but never used to steal it himself as he knew that it was wrong. Raghav being brilliant boy-gets through the IIT-JEE and the AIEEE. But the other boy Gopal gets dejected as he couldn't clear the JEE and gets 45000 rank in the AIEEE. He gets demoralized and dejected. At round the same time, he states loving Aarthi. He wants to tell her but whenever he tried, the girl tried to dodge away from the issue saying they were too young to decide. Yet both of them spent time together and Raghav for sided. Raghav talent helps him reach IIT at Banaras Hindu University while Gopal, the poor guy goes to Kota to prepare and repeat the Engineering entrance exam again. During these time Aarthi and Raghav gets close to each other and fall in love. This brings dispute among Gopal and Raghav. "Raghav interested in journalism more than engineering has an ambition to work against corruption while despite not going to college Gopal turns out to be director of Ganga-tech engineering college".

"Making lots of money is not passion, is an ambition instead. It is amazing to be in love. A feeling even better than passion. pp 150"

Raghav despite his success in IIT-JEE, he wants to bring revolution in the country, determined to fight against corruption and joins journalism to pursue his dream. Raghav who comes from to a well to do family aspires to change the world and Aarthi pradhan is the daughter of a bureaucrat. Meanwhile, Aarthi falls in love with Raghav, who clears the JEE and joins BHU. Raghav on the other and rejects a job offer from Infosys and chooses to stay back in to work for a daily newspaper. Raghav is the typical clichéd good guy who wants to change the world. Meanwhile Raghav finishes his engineering studies and becomes a trainee reporter for a popular newspaper, "Deink". He published a critical article regarding Gopal's college on the day of its inauguration in which he accuses shukla of corruption Gopal took this as a be interviewed by Raghav for the article.

Shukla get Rhagae sacked but Raghav starts his own newsletter called Revolution 2020. He later published an article about a Ganga treatment scam and this time with sufficient evidence to prove that shukla is a corrupt man. Shukla was forced to resign. "To dream for Revolution among society and the people is not a simple job, but revolution can be successfully achieved only with the discipline and respect among each other's".

Love makes us do stupid things. pp 5

This story deals with the love triangle. Meanwhile with Raghav being busy with his work and totally unable to fetch time for his love interest, Aarthi develops a stronger friendly bond with Gopal soon, Gopal unbosoms his love and wins her over from Raghav. Gopal of golden-old days, which sends him into introspection making him realize the Raghav was the better option to Aarthi, in all true senses Gopal sacrifices his love to save his friendship, when Aarthi was about to confess her love for Gopal. With the gradual unfolding, we see how power, Corruption and Ambitions share a vicious circle, with a small love story in the background. If I live, I want to enjoy.

If I die, who cares?

Successful people don't have friends.

Even expensive whiskies can be harmful. pp 7

Once again, light has been thrown on something that is known to all really well since long education, a career option as pure as it can be, is now a mere business. Education has now become tainted with profits. The main message of the story is a parabox. Growth cannot always bring happiness. Indian is growing, doing extremely well economically, speculations are being made how much better our country would fare few years down the lane.

However, the ladder to success is not sweet at all, and the end result might show success, there nowhere is happiness close. So far so good, the way the message has been conveyed is from the era of "shoal" or older when they want to earn money was evil the reason Gopal is the villain here. Raghav is the hero, and the reason? The good man that he sacrifices a well-paying job to bring about changes in the society.

Raghav gives up a lucrative career for the sake his passion which was journalism. He was very passionate about it joints as the journalist for a local newspaper. He started, writing bravely about corruption in the area. He soon wanders into the dealings of the MLA and writes about his corrupt intentions against his friend, Gopal's wish. This further increases the gap between the two. Meanwhile Gopal starts his college and it starts generating huge income. Sometimes losers get ahead in life. Never forget that.

"Politicians, businessman and educationist – power, money and Respect – perfect combination." pp 256

Raghav loses his job as the MLA had contacts with the media as well. Now the girl, Aarthi gets close to Gopal upon his insistence and both of them embrace each at a hotel. Aarthi works as receptionist. They make love to each other. The relation starts sprouting. But unfortunately, Gopal tries being too smart and is caught on his birthday with some girl in his

room. Aarathi was the witness and she herself sees this, she regrets having changed sides and ditching Raghav. Gopal realize his mistake and get Raghav his job back and arranges for marriage between the both of them.

It is shown quite nicely as Gopal chooses the way to meet his ambition of being very rich. Gopal keeps playing game with him as he always wanted to fail him but he couldn't do it in school days. Gopal is well sketched ours and Mr.Chetan has clothed him in flesh and blood adding more teeth to his character than any other in the book. It is primarily around him that the story and the prime stirringly revolve. Aarathi is the soul of this story and the prime motivating reasons for Gopal to embark on a lifelong quest for her love that had started in his childhood. The character mirrors the majority of people in India and can therefore be readily identified by anybody as to be his own.

Why couldn't god make six-packs a default standard in all males? Did we have to store fat in silliest places? pp 25

The desire to land the coveted seat runs too high and Gopal is swept off his feet in this mad rush all the time pinning for the love of Aarathi and jealous of his once best friend's success.

Every person should set ambition, because without ambition life would be meaningless. It would be just passing of time. Ambition makes life challenging and challenges make life interesting. Ambitious man is hard working. He exercises his will power and ability. Ambition without industry and will power is meaningless. If a person does not go to the field, his ambition to be a farmer cannot be fulfilled. Ambition should not turn into day-dreams. Nobody can build castles in air. Only an idle man can do it. It is therefore advisable to be practical in our ambition. All of us have some ambition or the other in life. Such a man has naturally a purpose in life and is always enthusiastic and makes sustained efforts to realize his ambition. He strives hard till he attains what he wishes. Nothing can deter him from the path he treads. But Ambition should be within one's reach.

Gopal is a relatively poor fellow who's barely making ends meet. He's no stranger to struggles in life whether it is tackling the entrance exams of IITs and NITs or finding his ambition in his life. He feels that only money can get happiness.

Girls can handle simultaneous multi-topic conversations with ease.

Girls don't like reality that much. Or practical questions. pp 198

- Aarathi a beautiful girl wanted to become " Airhostess"
- Raghav wanted to get into IIT and also wanted to make changes in the society.
- Gopal has no choice because his father is a farmer and he wanted him to do Engineering to solve all his money problems.

A person without any ambition is like a boat without rudder. Having an ambition needs continuous efforts towards achieving it. One cannot achieve anything if one just day dreams and does nothing. A strong will-power and determination will carry a person forward against all obstacles. Different people have different ambitions. Some aim to become teachers, soldiers, artists, politicians, doctors, engineers etc. Some try to amass wealth and some run after

the name and fame. There are others who aim to serve humanity. One should have a noble aim in life and strive hard honestly, sincerely and with dedication to achieve it.

"Different people have different ambitions in life. Sometimes, life plays cruel jokes on you". pp 30.

The nature of ambition varies from persons to person. It depends upon one's family background, upbringing, social status and economic condition.

"How can god give girls so much power? How can they turn productive, busy? And ambitious men into a wilting mass of uselessness?" pp. 204

"A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive," Pearl Bailey quoted. When I first think about the word ambition and what it means to me, I have to ask myself what ambition really is to me. Many people have different thoughts of being ambitious, but to me it's to have the desire to overcome every obstacle in life even if I have to sacrifice other things in life, in order to meet my goals. My way of being ambitious is dreaming big, painting a beautiful image in my mind, and to focus on that image and reaching it.

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