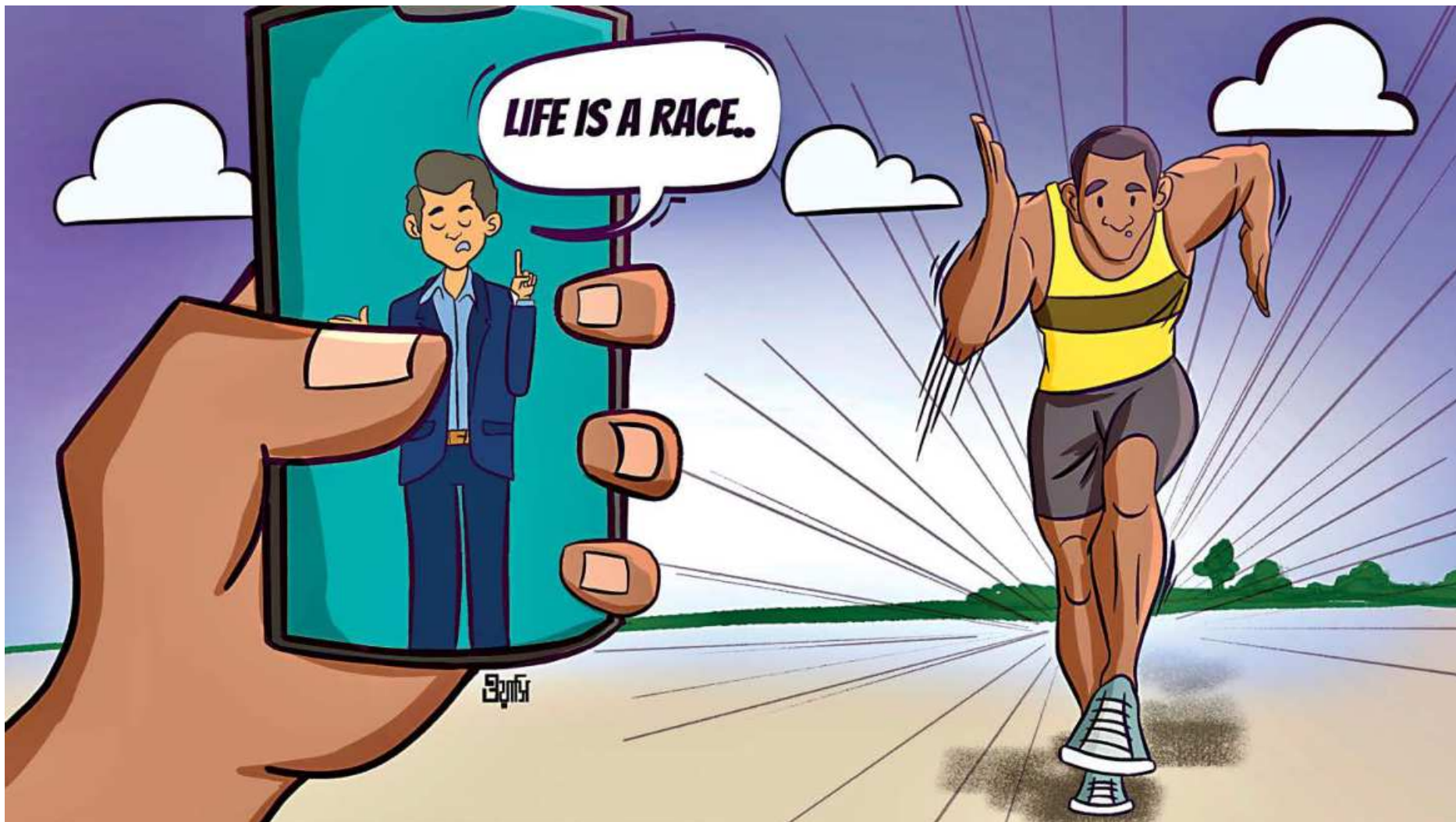


Usain Bolt started running after hearing motivational speaker say 'life is a race'



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Legendary Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt has revealed the secret behind his immense success.

He admitted that a Bangladeshi motivational speaker, Runman Happy, and one sentence he uttered was the turning point in his life.

"When I heard the sentence 'life is a race' in one of his speeches, I started to run. Since then I have been running and running. This long run has helped me win those gold medals in the Olympics," Usain Bolt said in a talk show hosted by an amateur Bangladeshi host, who joined the Zoom call an hour late.

"You won't be winning any races," said Bolt when the host finally joined the call.

Pundits have long been trying to find the reason behind Bolt's immense success and lightning speed. Some called it natural and some called it a God-gifted ability. But no one ever even dreamt that it was just a line. Motivational speakers are often belittled.

Bangladesh may not have won many (any) Olympic medals, but a Bangladeshi actually helped a Jamaican man win eight gold medals and that too with just one sentence.

"I was sad because I couldn't join the motivational seminar in person; I watched his motivational speeches on video.

One day, he said 'life is a race.' I didn't understand the meaning. So, I started running. I was always running. I ran to school. I couldn't stop running lest the speech should become a lie. And see what I am now," Usain Bolt said.

"Even the famous Hollywood movie Forrest Gump couldn't motivate as much as the Bangladeshi motivational speaker did. I am totally indebted to him," he added.

As the interview went viral, so did Happy. All the criticism turned to applause. Tickets for his next "motivation session" were sold out within minutes at a premium rate.

Reports suggested that youths bought

tickets with bank loans.

"I took a bank loan at high interest rates and sold my iPhone to buy the ticket," a young man said after successfully buying a ticket.

"I cannot miss the next line of his speech. Who knows? I may become the next Usain Bolt of Bangladesh! So, I bought the ticket after breaking up with my girlfriend in order to save date money," another young man said.

Satireday caught up with Happy and asked him about going more viral than he already was. "Sorry, guys. I cannot talk now. Catch me give my next motivational speech. I am running now. Don't forget that 'life is a race.'"



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Garage, an e-commerce brand and the official sponsor of the Bobcats, registered a record number of ordered products in a day -- mainly mirrors -- since Saturday night following batter Khushy Rajib's reverse-slog-sweeping comment after the first T20 WC Blooper 12 match against the Island, which had sent Bobcats' critics into a frenzy.

In response to questions about the tactics during the Bobcats' loss against the Island, Khushy responded to a question about tactical failures by saying, "I think those criticising us should look in the mirror themselves."

Garage spokesman-in-hiding told media in the aftermath, "That was a godsend for us. There were so many people criticising them, who also paradoxically take every word the players say seriously, that we got millions of orders for mirrors."

Business picked up further as many, in

a fit of rage, destroyed the mirrors in their homes after Khushy played a reverse-sweep and got out in the match against England on Wednesday.

So, on the night of the loss to England -- formerly known as the East India Company that kept delivering riches to the West; and on time -- millions of protesters were seen gathering outside the gates of the Meroop Stadium, demanding that Garage either deliver their mirrors before the next match or give their money back.

"Not having any mirrors in the house was a nightmare. As an alternative, I had to turn the TV off during Wednesday's game to make surfaces around me more reflective, as per Khushy's instruction," said Shona Mia, a protester who came all the way from Ucumganj.

Meanwhile, rumour has it that a few bald-headed people faced facial abuse in Communilla, Brahabetbaria, Wrongpoor and other areas as the hairy majority was accused of rubbing oil, mostly flammable, on minorities' heads to better reflect their

superiority.

On the digital front, activists of a globalist group known as the Araam Chair Ponditera (ACP), exclusively made of expatriates, urged Meroop's central government to turn water bodies crystal clear, starting with Bhuriganga river.

"An eco-friendly solution is the only way up or down, depending on your frame of reference. If you're familiar with Greek mythology like us, you'll see the character Narcissus had stared at his reflection in something like a Jacuzzi and this is where it all began," opined the lead activist of ACP.

In response, 69 government officials and their families, including their in-laws, decided to embark on a month-long trip to Maldives to learn about the secrets behind developing pristine blue water.

The writer of this piece is confident that there are a few typos here and there, especially at the beginning

REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE. PHOTO: REUTERS

'We want our discounts'

Thousands protest to revive e-commerce sites that are 'definitely not ponzi schemes'

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With slogans like "We want our half-priced bikes" and "Keep the discounts coming", thousands of citizens from a specific walk of life held a demonstration at the capital's Chahbagh intersection.

Their demands? Keep the country's e-con, ahem, e-commerce businesses alive.

"I ordered a fridge two years ago," said Abul Kuddus, who previously participated in demonstrations to halt such businesses. "I received the order yesterday. I now know that the sites will do great things for the country."

"I want my damn bike!" Sakib, a young protester, cried out. "I'm the laughing stock among my boys, because all of them have bikes, but I couldn't afford one."

"Finally, when I came across a bike that was 60 percent off, I thought my life was going to change for the better five years from now. But now, I've lost all hope. I'll never be able to ride with my bros to Mawa. I'll remain bike-less forever."

Earlier, Bruhsell Bromad, founder of the

country's biggest e-commerce site, was arrested for questionable business practices. But before getting detained, he went live on Facebook with his teary puppy-dog eyes and gaming chair, asking customers to give him a few months' time to turn everything around.

"Bruhsell has started a revolution, and we are his soldiers," said one demonstrator. "He will lead us to a paradise of discounts. We must put our faith in him, or we are doomed."

"Look, you just don't understand the business. I swear, the people of this country can never appreciate good things," said Aslam, one of the protesters. "It's simple, but you need a high IQ to understand the process. Basically, you give them your money and wait for like years, and then, you get your product at a huge discount. It's just like a bank!"

When asked about all the people who lost their money, he said, "If you wanna win big, you have to take risks. We are the risk-takers, the day-dreamers, the daredevils. We don't talk about those losers."

