

Athletes stop learning new skills at age 28

Bangladeshi sports scientist comes up with shocking revelation



The doctor showing how smooth and shiny a cricketer's brain can become after age 28. (Image generated using AI)

can absorb no more information. Whatever an athlete can learn must be learned before they are 28, and if you try to make them improve their game or add new skills to their repertoire, it can cause great disrespect," he added.

Answering a question from the audience, Dr BCB said this effect takes longer for non-athletes as they don't put their bodies through the rigours that athletes do in their youth. He used the examples of Bangladeshi parents -- especially fathers -- and how violently they react anytime their children point out that they might be mistaken about something.

"Bangladeshis, after a certain point in their life, simply cannot be better in any way. We age like a bottle of carbonated beverages, exciting at first, flat after a while, and absolutely not fit for human society afterwards," he said.

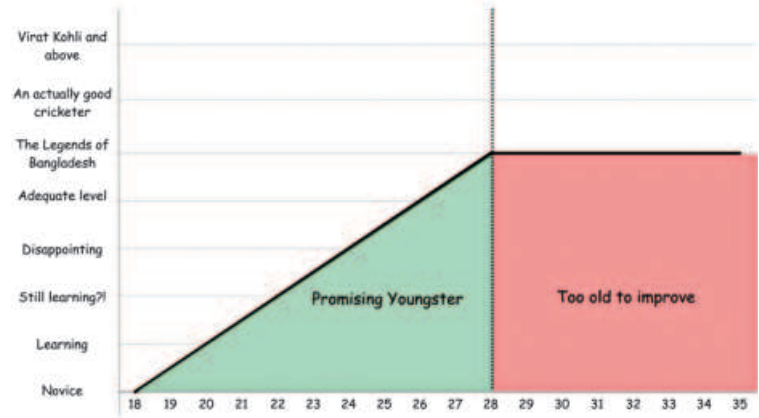
When asked about how foreign athletes like MS Dhoni, Luka Modric, and Novak Djokovic can not only play until their late 30s and early 40s, but also improve every year, Dr BCB said, "Look, Bangladeshi athletes play with a

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national teams win hearts, but not games."

Dr BCB prescribed the most efficient regimen for ageing Bangladeshi athletes.

"If you're 28 or older and doing anything that may make you a better player, like playing in a high standard foreign league, or training in a smart way to elevate parts of your game that may be lacking, you must stop now! The only way forward is to look back at whatever you've done in your



level of passion and patriotism that is unmatched by any athlete in the world. If you love your country a lot and have enough belief that you can do anything with your passion, your skills will suffer. This is why Bangladeshi

youth, hope that it's enough to sustain a career until it's time to retire, and slowly become a less than average player. This is how all the legends of every sport in our country have done it. What makes you special?"

'My husband isn't husbanding right'

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I had an arranged marriage. My parents picked out the best suitor for me and I trusted them.

But I was betrayed.

This man, Shunno, has been on my case since I married him. He pays me too much attention.

For example, when I am in any trouble, he asks me how he can help. Growing up, I have seen husbands leave their wives to deal with their own problems and if the problem could not be solved, the men blamed their wives for not being able to handle it well enough. My husband does not do that, he tries to help me. What's wrong with him?

Most husbands I know stay late at work. They have many reasons -- the boss burdened them, new work came along, meeting with important clients. I used to hear these when I was a child and always dreamed that such a "busy man" would be a part of my life.

But this imbecile, he leaves his office early to come spend time with me. Should I be suspicious of his behaviour? Perhaps he is not working as hard as he should.

Not only does he show up early, while other husbands expect a warm, home-cooked meal as soon as they come home, this strange man waltzes into the kitchen while I'm cooking, hugs me from behind (may God have mercy on me) and tells me to get dressed so he can take me out to eat! How DARE he expect that I would not slave after him? Did he not grow up in this society?

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Moreover, sometimes, he puts his head on my lap. Even in front of his parents! Who asked him for romance? Because I sure as hell did not. Does he think I'm as shameless as him that I will actually condone this showing of love and affection?

My husband is just not husbanding right and I'm thinking about whether this calls for an intervention, separation or even divorce. I cannot put up with his care and love and all this nonsense.

I don't know how his parents raised him but mine raised me to succumb to the age-old societal pressure and traditions that we grew up with. Breaking barriers and what not are a total waste of time, if you ask me.

A marriage is supposed to be like jail, remember? What's wrong with this generation of men!

(This satire was based on a real-life Facebook post. I'm really not kidding. I wish I was.)

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JEAN PAUL SATIRE

Shattering conventional wisdom, a Bangladeshi sports scientist claimed that his new research proves that athletes stop learning as soon as they turn 28.

Professor Bipul Chandra Bose, or Dr BCB as he's known in sports circles, has been studying athletes all his life. He has been a mentor and coach for thousands of sportspeople who have gone on to carve out small, insignificant careers in their various fields. It is with this track record that Dr BCB set out to study over 300 Bangladeshi athletes, mainly cricketers, to disprove a common notion.

"We've all heard the sentence 'There's no end to learning'. I did

too, and it filled me with rage because of how wrong it was.

For years, Bangladeshi cricketers have peaked in performance during their late 20s, and failed to improve further. People have blamed their lack of fitness, lack of desire to outdo themselves, and a general sense of satisfaction with mediocrity that may be tied to their internal superiority complex. But I never believed it," said Dr BCB, speaking at a seminar titled "How late is too late? It is time to stop trying".

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Low salary and poor increment actually beneficial to employees: study

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Money apparently is not the root of all evil. Neither is it the ticket to happiness. In fact, money ceases to matter at all now that watermelon in Dhaka costs more than the monthly food cost of a family of chickens.

This is the basis upon which the new study has been studied. "Money does not matter," said Liza Rahman, CEO of Ransom Group of Industries. She was so busy counting her money as she replied to our question. She did not have time to elaborate as to what does matter since money is as inconsequential as a political candidate's promise.

We tried to find out what does though. For decades employees have been demanding proper raises adjusted to inflation and rising prices of iPhones. And HR department professionals have been always answering those demands by saying, "We are trying our best" with fingers, toes and other appendages crossed behind their, um, not sure how this works anatomically.

Regardless, employees want money. Bosses say there is no money.

Others say, "Work for the joy of contributing to the growth of the organisation."

Turns out, the bosses are right. Money should not be a motivating factor. In fact, the study shows money makes an employee comfortable. Comfort is bad. Remember Titanic?

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Paying people less is good. It keeps the organisation afloat, unlike the Titanic. It helps employees become

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more adept at saving. They no longer waste money on things like watermelon, thereby bringing an end to the ruthless watermelon syndicate.

Low salary is also good for the environment. Some employees have managed to buy an air conditioner. The audacity! But not having money to pay electricity bills mean they use it less frequently thus reducing global warming. Which is heartwarming for HR as now those same employees spend more time at the office to take advantage of the "free" air conditioning

(from 9:00am to 8:00pm only).

Also, low pay for regular employees ensures salaries of senior management who would otherwise have to forgo the Europe trip at the end of the year. These study results have met with industry-wide acclaim. More companies are jumping on the bandwagon of low pay, high productivity.

"We are so excited with the money

we saved during the 2024 annual increment, we managed to buy two extra calculators for no reason," exclaimed Raihan Rayhaan, Head of HR and Other Stuff at a local media firm.

"When we handed our employees their new contracts with less-than-optimal increments, we could tell they were thinking hard on how to advance their career by working extra hard."

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See how cute this dog looks while it is looking at the dish it can't have? You could look as cute by gazing longingly at the salary package you will never get. PHOTO: CHARLES DELUVIO

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