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Movie Review

Movie Title:

Chak de! India

Summary:

Chak De India is a sports film that is realistic, energetic, entertaining and uplifting in spirit. The film is also partly based on the real life of former hockey player Mir Ranjan Negi. Chak De India is a sports film with engaging drama. It has been produced under the Yash Raj banner, the script and screenplay has been done by Jaideep Sahni and the execution has been done by Shimit Amin. The film stars Shahrukh as coach Kabir Khan, Vidya Malvade as Vidya Sharma the captain, Sagrika Ghatge, Chitrashi Rawat, Shilpa Shukla, Tanya Abrol, Anaitha Nair, Shubhi Mehta, Nisha Nair, Sandia Furtado, Arya Menon, Masochon, Kimi etc.

Review:

In the film, Kabir Khan, essayed by Shah Rukh Khan, is accused of being friendly with Pakistan and letting India lose in a crucial final match. It is similar to what happened with Mir Ranjan Negi in the 1982 Asian Games. Surprisingly, Jaideep Sahni claimed that he was unaware of Mir Ranjan Negi's plight while he wrote the script and any resemblance to Negi's life was coincidental. Since then, Kabir always been looked down upon and now after seven years he decides to redeem himself by taking on the mammoth task of making a winning team of the National Indian Women's Hockey team. But taking on the task is only the beginning of his woes. The team has girls from different states of India and often this leads to differences amongst all of them, Kabir tries to break down these differences between the players and make them play as a team.

However, each girl on the team has her own agenda for being in the team, Kabir also gets the girls to have only one goal in mind, playing as a team and winning for India. Kabir overcomes his own grievances when the girls play to win the World Cup Match. He brings dedication and discipline to this unruly team of young women who lack direction.

The plot of the film, the subject and the treatment are all appealing and work together to lift the film higher. Patriotism for one's country is incorporated but in a very subtle manner, team spirit is shown to be the backbone of the team, ability to tackle obstacles with effort is the triumph of spirit. All these qualities are extremely inspiring and inspire the viewers.

The leadership portrayed by the character of Kabir Khan is immensely inspirational. The movie presents learnings about how a great leader recognizes the potential of his team and instils courage, confidence and discipline.

It beautifully focuses on creating unity in diversity among the team and teaches one that the team's objectives are greater than individual's personal objectives. It emphasizes how training, hard work and perfection act as stepping stones to success. Moreover, the movie excellently displays how a leader does not get demotivated and makes his dream come true through his determination.

Chak De India has a simple script, an engaging screenplay, the execution is skilled and the performances are natural. The film has a balanced everything that makes it engaging and entertaining.

Nothing Is Impossible:

Everyone in the movie, including the team members themselves, consider that winning the World Cup is impossible, but under Kabir Khan's leadership, they emerge victorious. The lesson here is that one has to get over all preconceived notions about the journey and its outcome, and continue working hard towards their goals. If one works hard and smart towards something they really want, it is achievable.

Work as A Team:

While each individual may have their own set of unique skills to offer, teamwork is essential for progress. When a perfect amalgamation of various skills is achieved, the sky is the limit. In the movie, Kabir Khan is easily able to figure out which team member is best at which task, and places the team on the field accordingly to attain maximum output.

Challenges Are Opportunities:

In the film, Kabir Khan an ex-Captain, was selected as the coach since the board had no faith in the Women's Hockey Team. He took up this challenge and turned it into an opportunity by leading the team to victory, while also restoring his image in front of the people who hated him. Opportunities keep coming to us in the guise of challenges how we look at them depends on our perspective.

Stay Focused and Committed:

While facing a challenge, there are a lot of odds that come our way. In the film, Kabir Khan faces many hurdles that come between him and his goal. It is due to sheer will power, focus, and commitment that he stays put and finishes what he started. It is important to stay determined, no matter what life throws at you.

Leadership Lesson:

1. The Leader should be fair and impartial while dealing with the team-members as the way coach Kabir Khan selects the Captain of the team.
2. Individual goals and agendas are always counter-productive as proved by the way two forward players try to become the highest goal-scorer at the cost of the team's fortune.
3. Those who do not play for the common goal should be ruthlessly dealt with and kept out of the team as the way coach Kabir Khan orders players out of the team is memorable.
4. The leader should not hesitate to take hard-decisions on selecting and retaining the members of the team.
5. Nothing is better for you than your biggest failure.
6. Unless pushed to limits, your team will not perform at its best.
7. Strategy is important - know the team members individual strengths and weaknesses.
8. You must overcome each and every hurdle in front of you for a prolong period of times.
9. Work together and Win together.