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Life is about long term planning

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Udham Singh was born in a village in Punjab on 26 December 1899. He was a witness to the bloodshed of Jallianwala Bagh on 13 April 1919. In this massacre more than 1,000 people were killed. The bloodshed was carried out by the British army under the order of General Reginald Dyer. Udham Singh became very disturbed by this bloody event. At that time the Lieutenant Governor of Punjab was Michael Francis O'Dwyer. Udham Singh held the British governor responsible for the massacre and decided to kill him. He successfully assassinated him on 13 March 1940 in London. But for Udham Singh it was 21 years' long-term planning. He was born into a poor family. He had to earn money, learn the English language, and travel from India to London, stay over there for some time, because O'Dwyer resided there after retirement. Therefore, for Udham Singh, it was a long story of effort, beginning from India and ending in London. Udham Singh settled over there, only to find a chance one day to make O'Dwyer a target of his revolver. Finally, he found an opportunity in March 1940, when O'Dwyer was attending a conference. Udham Singh managed to kill him by his revolver.

Life is a long-term planning. Whether you have a positive target or a negative target, you have to plan to reach your target on a long-term basis. There is no short-term planning in life.

Success is not a jump. Success always comes after a well-planned effort. If you want to achieve meaningful success in your life, there is no escape from planning. Planning includes objective assessment of the situation, utilising one's resources intelligently, leaving out the impossible and opting for the possible. This kind of effort is planning. And success always comes after planning. Without planning one cannot achieve big success.

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