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MASTER THE
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MMD

MARVELOUS MANDAL OF DETROIT!

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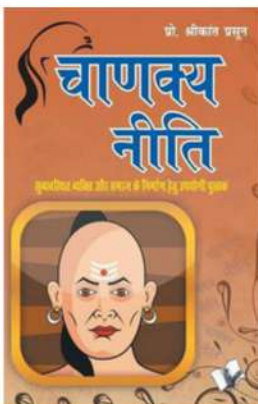
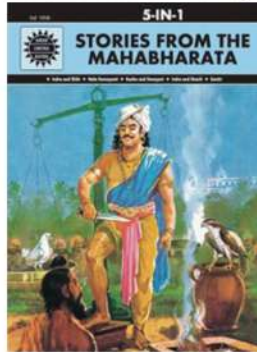
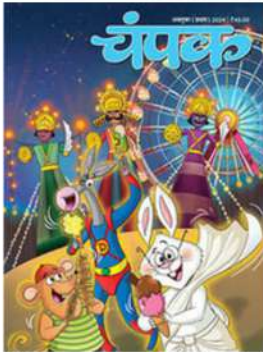
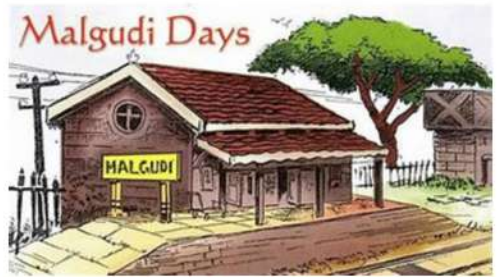
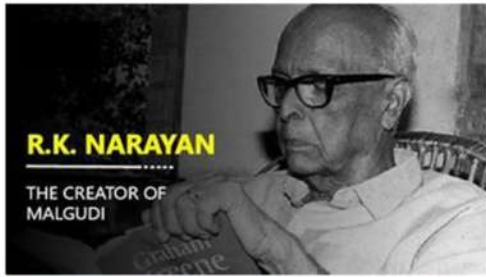
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एकमेकां साहाय्य करू, आगळे पल्ल सुलभ

LEGENDS COME ALIVE, ADVENTURES NEVER END!

Journey down the Memory lane



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TEAM PANCHATANTRA

Eagle

Sneha Vipat

Creative Kingfisher

Devendra Chitale

Lion King

Mansi Dahanukar

Wise Elephant

Prajakta Kulkarni



CHACHA CHAUDHARY AND THE ROBBER RAKA!



Where there is a problem,
Chacha Chaudhary has a solution
— with his brain and calm!



1 One day, there was fear in Furfuri Nagar. A thief named Raka was troubling everyone.



He steals anything
and everything!
No one can
catch him!



Don't worry.
Leave it to
Chacha
Chaudhary!

2 Raka came to the city museum at night to steal the famous Diamond Crown.

Heh heh! No one can
stop Raka. This crown
will be mine!



3 But Chacha had a plan!

Sabu, switch
on the 'Ultra
Brain Waves
Machine'!



Ji Chacha!

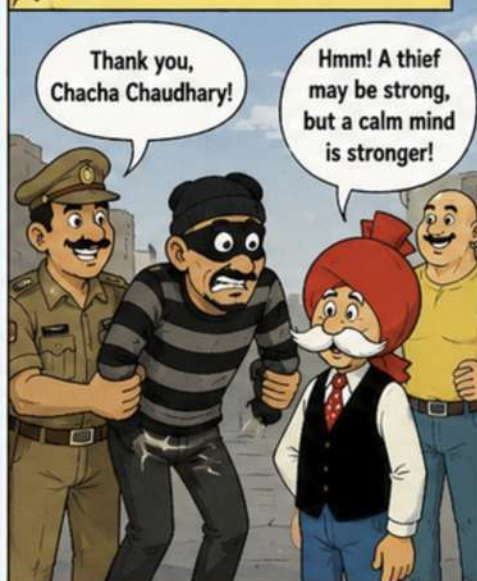
4 The machine's waves reached everywhere, including Raka!



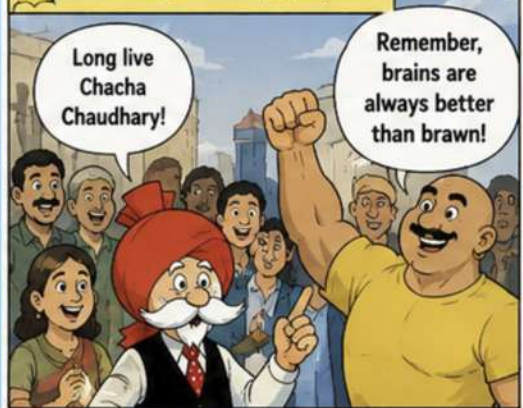
5 Raka started doing funny things!



6 The police arrived and caught Raka.



7 Furfuri Nagar was happy again!



MORAL:

Use your brain and stay calm.
You can solve any problem!



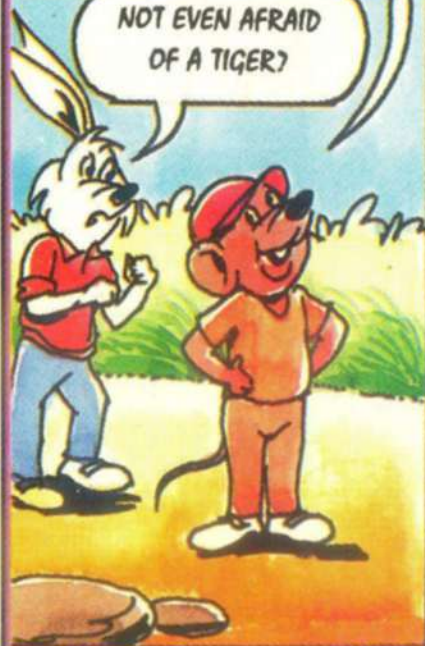
Cheeku
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YOU KNOW THOSE CHILDREN WHO
DISPLAY THEIR EXEMPLARY BRAVERY,
ARE PARADED ON THE ELEPHANT'S
BACK ON THE 26TH JANUARY.



I AM ALSO VERY BRAVE.
I DO NOT FEAR ANYBODY.

NOT EVEN AFRAID
OF A TIGER?



NO. ONCE I FELL ON THE TIGER AND
HE JUST SHOOED ME AWAY.

SHOO!



AND WHAT IF AN ELEPHANT
COMES OVER?

OHI ELEPHANTS ARE VERY
NICE. THEY CHANGE THEIR
COURSE THE MOMENT THEY
SEE ME.



AND THE BEAR?

THE BEAR ALWAYS LOVES TO
KEEP SLEEPING. HE IS LEAST
AWARE OF THE WORLD
OUTSIDE.



YOU ARE INDEED VERY BRAVE.
BUT WATCH OUT, THE CAT IS
COMING IN YOUR DIRECTION.



LET HER COME, I WILL JUST
WIPE HER AWAY.

REALLY?



THE CAT COMES NEAR AND
CATCHES MEEKU BY HIS TAIL.

NOW TELL ME, WHOM YOU WERE
GOING TO WIPE AWAY?



OH YOU, WHERE
HAVE YOU COME
FROM?

MEEKU BOASTING NEVER HELPS.
NOW YOU CANNOT GET
RID OF THIS MESS.



I WILL CRUSH YOU TO SAUCE
TODAY AND I WILL EAT YOU.
HA...HA...HA...



ON THE WAY ANOTHER CAT
WAS SITTING AS WELL.

CAN I JOIN YOU FOR THE FEAST?



GET LOST! THIS IS
MY PREY.

FURTHER DOWN, THERE WAS
A FAT TOMCAT SITTING.

LET ME HIDE HIM OTHERWISE
THIS FELLOW WILL SNATCH
IT AWAY FROM ME.

LET ME CHOP
OFF HER TAIL
FIRST.

THE MOMENT MEEKU CHOPPED
OFF HER TAIL, THE CAT CRIED
AND RAN AWAY.

OHI MY TAIL.

CHEEKU WAS CRYING FOR MEEKU.
SUDDENLY, MEEKU RETURNED.

SEE MY BRAVERY,
THE CAT RAN AWAY.

WONDERFUL, YOUR
BRAVERY HAS NO MATCH.

DAS

HANUMAN THE SUN FRUIT

Little Hanuman was brave, playful, and full of energy. One day, his curiosity led to an adventure that even the gods could not ignore!



1 One morning, young Hanuman saw the rising sun.

Wow! What a beautiful golden fruit!

I must catch it and eat it!



2 Hanuman leaped high into the sky toward the sun. His strength and speed amazed everyone.



Look! The child is flying toward the sun!

This could be dangerous!



3 The gods asked Indra to stop him.

I must protect the heavens.

CRACK!

Indra threw his thunderbolt.

4 Hanuman fell to the ground unconscious.

My son has been hurt!

In sorrow, Vayu stopped the winds across the world.

We cannot breathe!

5 The gods realized their mistake and rushed to help.

We must make things right.

Forgive us, Vayu.

They blessed Hanuman with great strength, wisdom, courage, and protection.

6 Hanuman grew up to become Lord Rama's greatest devotee and hero.

My strength is for serving what is right.

Your devotion will inspire the world forever.

MORAL:

True strength shines brightest when guided by humility, devotion, and service to others.

2011 WORLD CUP INDIA'S GLORIOUS VICTORY

A NATION UNITED.
A DREAM REALIZED.
A LEGACY FOREVER.

THE ROAD TO GLORY...
THROUGH SWEAT, STRATEGY
AND SHEER DETERMINATION,
TEAM INDIA FOUGHT LIKE WARRIORS.



TENDULKAR'S CLASS...



SEHWAG'S FIREWORKS...



BOWLERS' BRILLIANCE...



SEMI-FINAL THRILLER!

AGAINST PAKISTAN,
IN A HIGH-VOLTAGE CLASH,
INDIA HELD THEIR NERVE
AND ROARED INTO
THE FINAL!



THE FINAL SHOWDOWN!

2ND APRIL 2011, WANKHEDE STADIUM, MUMBAI.

INDIA VS SRI LANKA.

THE WORLD WATCHED.

A BILLION HEARTS BEAT AS ONE.



SRI LANKA'S FIGHTING TOTAL.

INDIA HAD A TARGET.

THE PRESSURE WAS REAL.



THEN CAME THE MAN
OF THE MOMENT...

MS DHONI!

COOL. CALM. CLUTCH.



WITH A MASSIVE SIX,
DHONI FINISHED IT IN STYLE!
INDIA WON THE WORLD CUP!
AFTER 28 YEARS!
THE NATION ERUPTED
IN JOY!



CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD!

2011 - THE YEAR INDIA
TOUCHED THE SKY!

THIS ISN'T JUST A WIN.
THIS IS OUR LEGACY!



ONE TEAM. ONE NATION. ONE WORLD CUP.



ICC Cricket World Cup
2011

MMD (1977 - 2027)

आपला प्रवास : A Journey Woven by Generations

A FEW FAMILIES, ONE BIG DREAM

Only a handful of Marathi families called Detroit home.

Dr. Raj Patil, Dr. Vishwanath Sardesai, Mr. Babu Gokhale and others. Celebrity artists like Sudhir Phadke, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Pt. Jitendra Abhisheki visited.

Early 1970s

दवंडी BROUGHT EVERYONE TOGETHER

Annual picnics created friendships and lasting memories.

दवंडी आली!

दवंडी
(DAWANDI)
NEWSLETTER

PICNIC AT
METRO PARK

Sudhir Phadke entertained us with a few songs at a picnic!

A PLAY THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

25 families united to bring Marathi theater to Detroit.

लेकुरे उदंड झाली

U.S.A. TOUR - SPRING 1977
WITH SHRIKANT MOGHE & DAYA DONGRE

नाटक
हाऊसफुल!

Almost 150 नाट्य रसिक in attendance.
A grand success!

SUMMER 1977

Maharashtra Mandal of Detroit was officially born.

MAHARASHTRA MANDAL
OF DETROIT (MMD)

MMD
FOUNDED!

Mr. Ashok Deshpande
- First President

CULTURE CAME ALIVE

Festivals, music, theater and youth programs flourished.

SHREE
GANESH POOJA

PADWA

DIWALI

MARATHI PLAYS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

GROWING WITH EVERY DECADE

Snehabandha, nonprofit status, website and blockbuster programs.

SNEHABANDHA
Newsletter
(Started 1978)

501(c)(3)
NON-PROFIT
STATUS
(1996)

WEBSITE
LAUNCHED
(2002)

MMD
Maharashtra
Mandal of Detroit

MARATHI MUSIC & DRAMA
PROGRAMS

In celebration of **50 years of talkie films**, a Marathi Film Festival was celebrated all over UK, USA, and Canada.



During the three-day festival, several Marathi classics were screened, among them, **RamShastri**, **Jait Re Jait**, **Aakriet**, **Saamna**, and **Sinhasan**.



मराठी शिनेमा...

The festival was celebrated in the presence of dignitaries like Sudhir Phadke, Lalita Pawar, Ramdas Phutane, and others.



THREE DAYS.
TIMELESS CLASSICS.
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.
मराठी सिनेमा अमर राहो!

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From BMM conventions to community wellness initiatives.

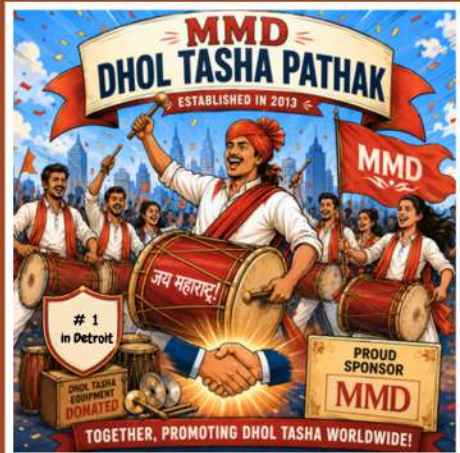
4th BMM Convention
at Athens High School,
Troy. 2,500+
मराठी रसिक!

Suyog plays & "रुवीरंग" at Ford Auditorium. Almost 600+ people!

रसिका तुझ्याचसाठी
showcasing local
talent.

**2nd BMM Convention
at Grand Rapids, MI.
3,700+ attended!
Chief Guest
Mr. Parrikar.**

“आरोग्यम् धनसंपदा”
Yogathon, Walkathon
& health lectures.



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EVERY YEAR

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LOVE & PASSION.



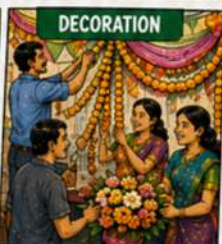
OUR **50TH YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION** IS COMING UP,
AND WE NEED YOU SINCE THIS EVENT WILL BE FOR YOU!

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS THE TRUE CELEBRATION.

REGISTRATION



DECORATION



STAGE & SET BEHIND THE SCENES



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YOUTH & CULTURAL PROGRAMS



LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



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*Volunteering :
Its selfless in spirit
and priceless in
fulfillment. ♡*



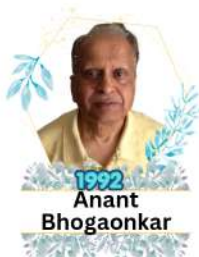
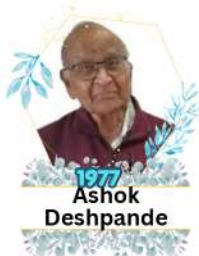


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50 Years of Leadership



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50 Years of Leadership



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2002
Ruta
Desai



2003
Manoj
Visai



2004
Anant
Bhogaonkar



2005
Deepak
Kulkarni



2006
Meenatal
Subhedar



2007
Harshad
Annigeri



2008
Anil
Arkarkar



2009
Sunil
Kelkar



2010
Anju
Vale



2011
Abhijeet
Bhusari



2012
Anjali
Anturkar



2013
Kiran
Ingle



2014
Shardul
Athalye



2015
Satish
Dongre



2016
Tushar
Samant



2017
Tushar Anagha
Samant Huprikar



2018
Anagha
Huprikar



2019
Bharati
Mehendale



2020
Manjiri
Joshi



2021
Manjiri
Joshi



2022
Manoj
Patil



2023
Sheetal
Sonar



2024
Prashant
Javkar



2025
Varsha
Pathre



2026
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Sheetal Sonar



SAMI'S
ENGRAVING
in GIFTS



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Best Wishes
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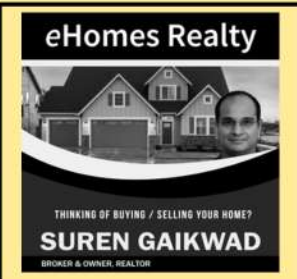


Yummy In Tummy
with Saroj

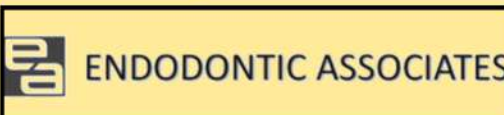


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from
Dr Atul
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SUPPANDI

CLEANING THE BALCONY

SUPPANDI, WHY HAVEN'T YOU CLEANED THE BALCONY? LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF LEAVES STREWN HERE.

S... SORRY, SIR!

START CLEANING NOW. WHEN I COME BACK IN THE EVENING I SHOULD NOT SEE A SINGLE LEAF IN THE BALCONY.

O... OKAY.

THAT EVENING —

SUPPANDI, HAVE YOU FINISHED THE JOB I HAD ASKED YOU TO DO?

YES, SIR. THE BALCONY IS SPOTLESS. COME AND SEE.

WHEN THEY WENT THERE —

GAAGH! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY PLANTS? HOW DID THEY BECOME LEAFLESS?

YOU SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE A SINGLE LEAF IN THE BALCONY, SIR. SO I PLUCKED THEM ALL OUT!

OH NO!



Who Am I ?



- When you are born, you **don't** have them.
When you **grow**, they are your **best friends**.
When you **grow very old**, you sometime **lose** them.
Without them you miss everything,
- Colourful wooden is his **body**.
String is his **best friend**.
Always ready to **spin**,
To entertain **and** make you happy **all the** time.
- Carries finger through its stomach.
Carries **precious stone** on its head.
Certainly it adds to your **personality**
Can you guess it right?
- Green is **my royal** dress,
With a red **necktie** around my neck.
I can imitate your voice,
Can you guess who I am?

How Much Do You Know?

- Art of kite-flying was developed in which country?
(a) India. (b) Sweden.
(c) Pakistan. (d) China.
- Srinagar is situated on the banks of which river?
(a) Brahmaputra. (b) Caverry.
(c) Jhelam. (d) Ganga.
- Purity of milk is measured by which instrument?
(a) Barometer. (b) Lactometer.
(c) Calorimeter. (d) Ameter.
- Which town is known as city of gardens?
(a) Kapurthala. (b) Chandigarh.
(c) Varanasi. (d) Lucknow.
- 'Garba' dance form is **associated** with which state?
(a) Orissa. (b) Punjab.
(c) Gujarat. (d) Uttar Pradesh.







WORLD YOGA DAY

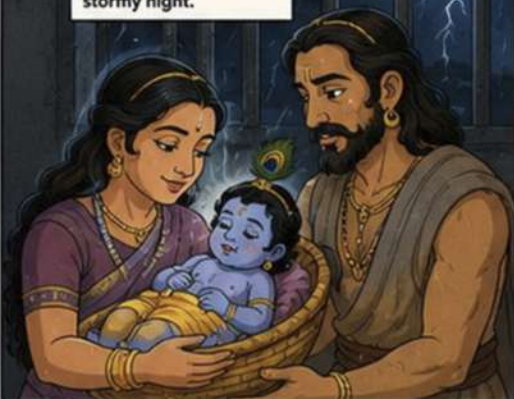


Krishna

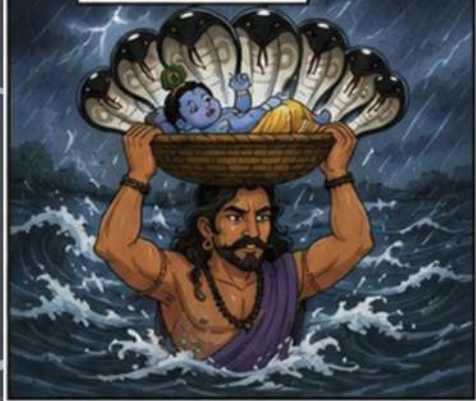


MAPLE KIDS

Krishna was born to Devaki and Vasudeva in a prison in Mathura. It was a dark and stormy night.



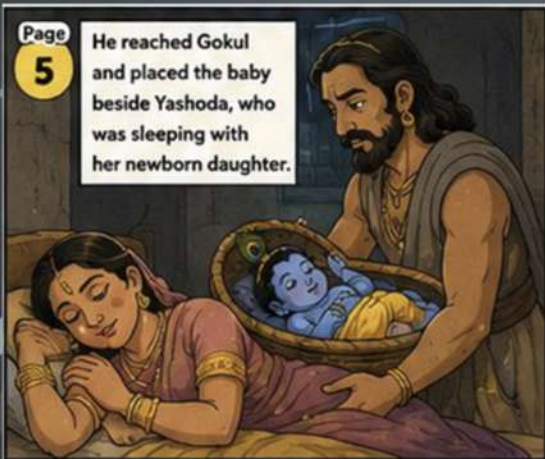
Vasudeva carried the baby across the flooded Yamuna river.



The river parted to make way, and Shesha protected the baby with his hoods.



He reached Gokul and placed the baby beside Yashoda, who was sleeping with her newborn daughter.



He took the baby girl back to Mathura and returned to the prison unnoticed.



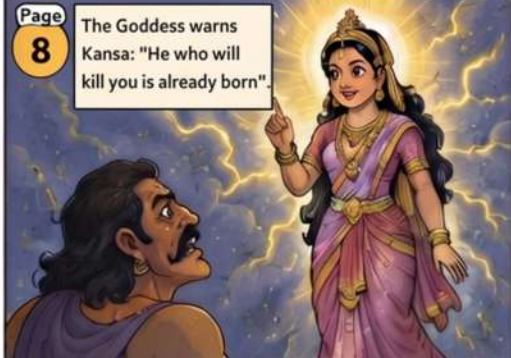
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Kansa tries to kill the girl. She escapes and reveals her divine form.



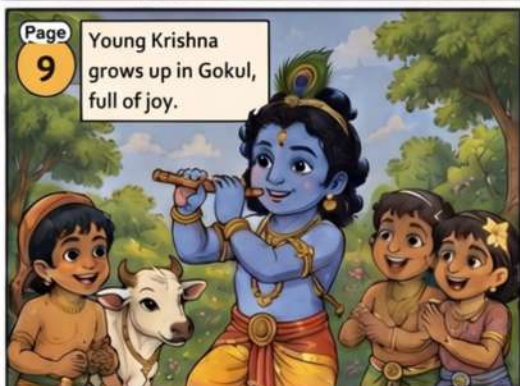
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The Goddess warns Kansa: "He who will kill you is already born".



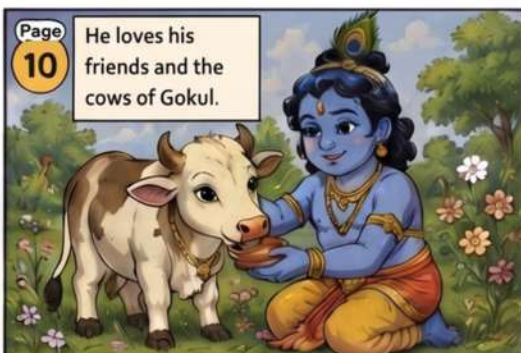
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Young Krishna grows up in Gokul, full of joy.



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He loves his friends and the cows of Gokul.



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Krishna lifts Govardhan Hill to protect his people.



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Kansa sends demons, but Krishna defeats them all.



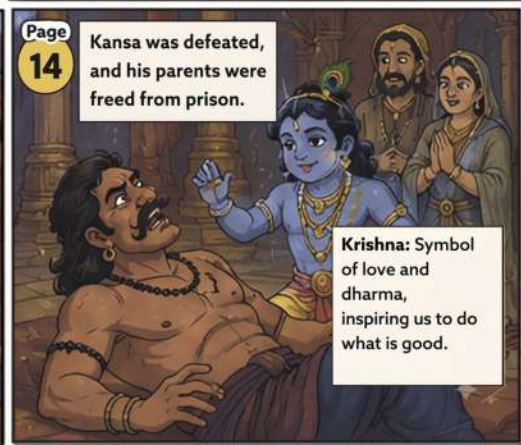
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Krishna travels to Mathura to face Kansa.



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Kansa was defeated, and his parents were freed from prison.



Krishna: Symbol of love and dharma, inspiring us to do what is good.

The Brainy Brother

Vetal began narrating a new story. Vikram attentively listened to it.

In the land of Magadha lived a brahmin who performed all rituals very religiously. This pious brahmin had two sons. Both of them were highly intelligent and gifted with rare powers. One son could reveal the identity and the origin of a thing just by touching it or smelling it.

The second son was very good at judging women. Just one look at a woman and he could correctly say what her temperament was and what her likes and dislikes were.

The king of Magadha, on hearing about these two talented brothers, appointed them in his service. Both of them were very happy to work for the king.

One day two persons fighting over a precious pearl necklace came to the king to resolve the matter. One of them was quite fat. The king turned to the two talented brothers and asked the younger one, "Can you make out as to whom the pearl necklace really belongs to?" The younger brother sniffed at the hands of both the contenders and declared that the necklace belonged to the fat person.

The fat person was overjoyed to hear this verdict. "Salutations!" he exclaimed, "this brahmin has rendered justice."

The other person also admitted that the necklace belonged to the fat man. He said that they had come to test the young brahmin's talent. The king was pleased to hear this. He gave rewards to the talented brothers.



It so happened that the ruler of a neighbouring country was an enemy of the king of Magadh. Under the pretext of seeking his friendship, this ruler sent a messenger inviting the king to visit their country.

The Magadha king was perplexed about the invitation. He ordered the two brothers, "The ruler who has invited me has been our enemy for a long time. Go to his country and find out why he has sent this invitation."

The two brothers obeyed. They went to the enemy country and, after assessing the situation, returned to Magadh. They reported, "Your Majesty! Your enemy seems good natured, but he is very jealous of you. He may overthrow your kingdom or even kill you. Please be careful before accepting his friendship."

The king decided to be watchful. The next day he received a dinner invitation from the enemy ruler. As a precaution, he took both the brothers with him.

They were given a grand welcome and a feast was arranged. After the heavy dinner, the king wished to rest and was shown into a royal bedroom. As he was about to lie down, the elder brother stopped him: "Your Majesty! Please wait. I feel there is an unusual strand of hair in the pillow. It may hurt you."



The pillow was thoroughly searched and indeed there was a strand of hair amidst the cotton. It was very rough and seemed to be of some wild animal.

The younger brother smelt the hair and said, "This hair is poisonous. If it had pierced your neck, you would have died instantly."

When the king returned to his capital, he had the hair examined by the royal physician. The physician also declared that the hair had been smeared with some deadly poison.

Vetal had come to the end of the story, but he had a question for Vikram — which of the two brothers was the wisest? "Don't keep silent," he warned. "If you do, you know the consequence."

Vikram smiled. "Both brothers were wise and talented. But the elder one was wiser. He could sense the hair inside the pillow without even looking at it, while the younger could identify a person only through smell. Hence the elder brother is the most intelligent of the two."

Vetal agreed — but found another chance to slip away. Laughing demonically he shouted, "Vikram! You have talked!" and disappeared into the tamarind tree.



AKBAR & BIRBAL

THE CASE OF THE SILENT THIEF

Akbar's palace was missing valuable jewels from the treasury, but there was no clue and no one had seen anything.

Birbal to the rescue!

- 1 One morning, Akbar announced, "Whoever finds the thief will be rewarded richly!"

I want the truth, not guesses!

- 2 Birbal asked for a large drum, filled it with water, and placed it in the court.

Let it be announced...

- 3 "All who are innocent, come and take a rose from the drum. The guilty will stay away."

- 4 One man did not move. He said, "My hands will get wet."

If I touch the water, they will know!

- 5 Birbal smiled and said, "Innocent men care only for the rose, not for the water."

Guilt makes even simple things seem risky!

- 6 Akbar understood and the man was brought forward. Confronted with Birbal's wisdom, he confessed.

Yes, I took the jewels. I could not control my greed.

- 7 The jewels were recovered.

Your wisdom is matchless, Birbal!

- 8 Birbal bowed and said...

A clear mind sees what eyes cannot.

MORAL



A guilty mind is always afraid,
but truth needs no fear.
Wisdom sees beyond what others miss!

THE ORIGINAL COMMON MAN

R.K. LAXMAN...



"This is most unfair! I called this all-party dinner-meet to solve the national crisis and they threaten to walk out if I raise the issue!"



"It will be a real problem finding rooms for them. I understand there's going to be a further expansion of the Cabinet!"

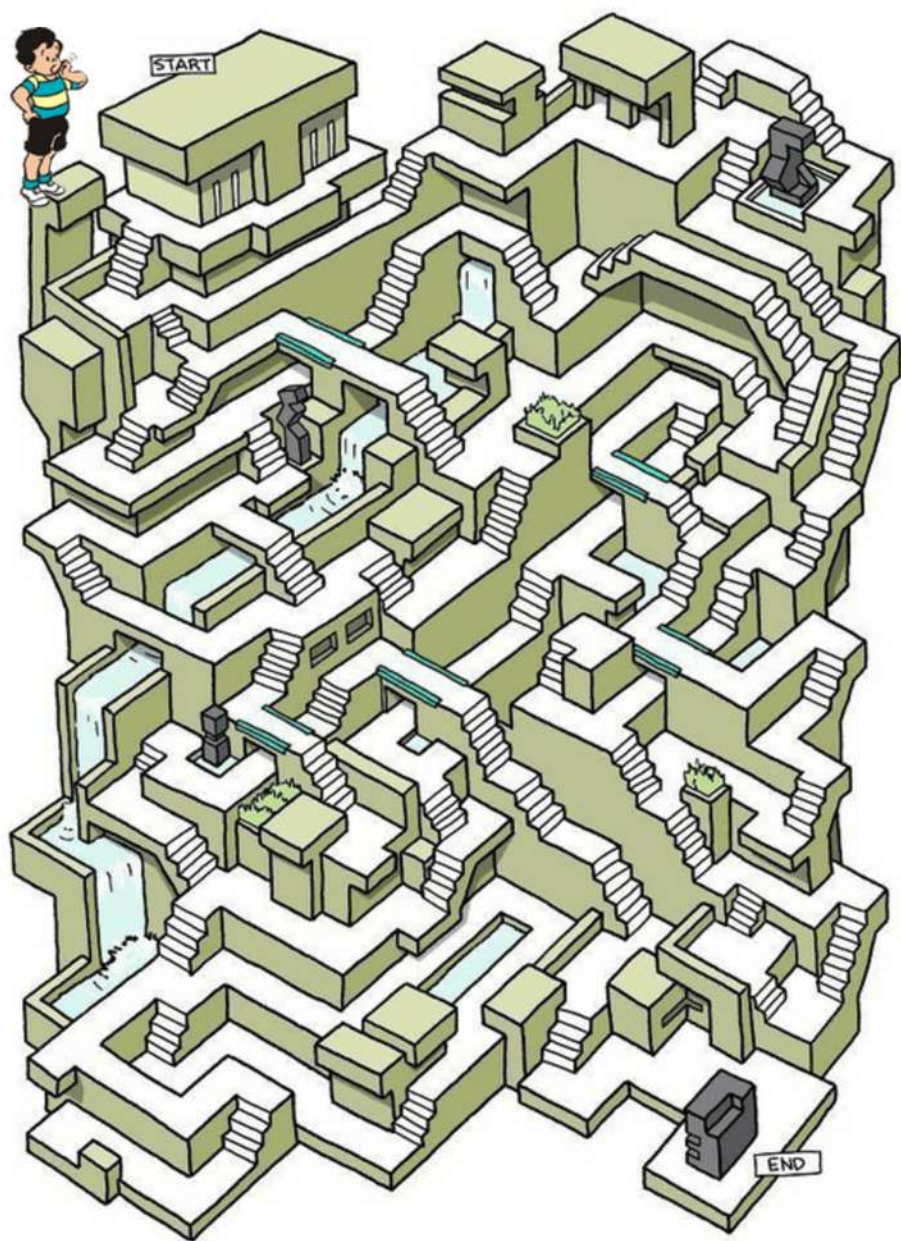


"Don't be silly! Of course, I saw the 'No Parking' sign. I didn't park it there. I fell in there."



"My sons Quit India last year—went away to the US, the UK, Australia . . .!"

"Chintoo is lost in the giant fort —
Can you guide him to the END?"



Who Am I ? : (1) Teeth (2) Top (3) Ring (4) Parrot
How Much Do You Know?: (1) d. (2) c. (3) b. (4) a. (5) c.

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