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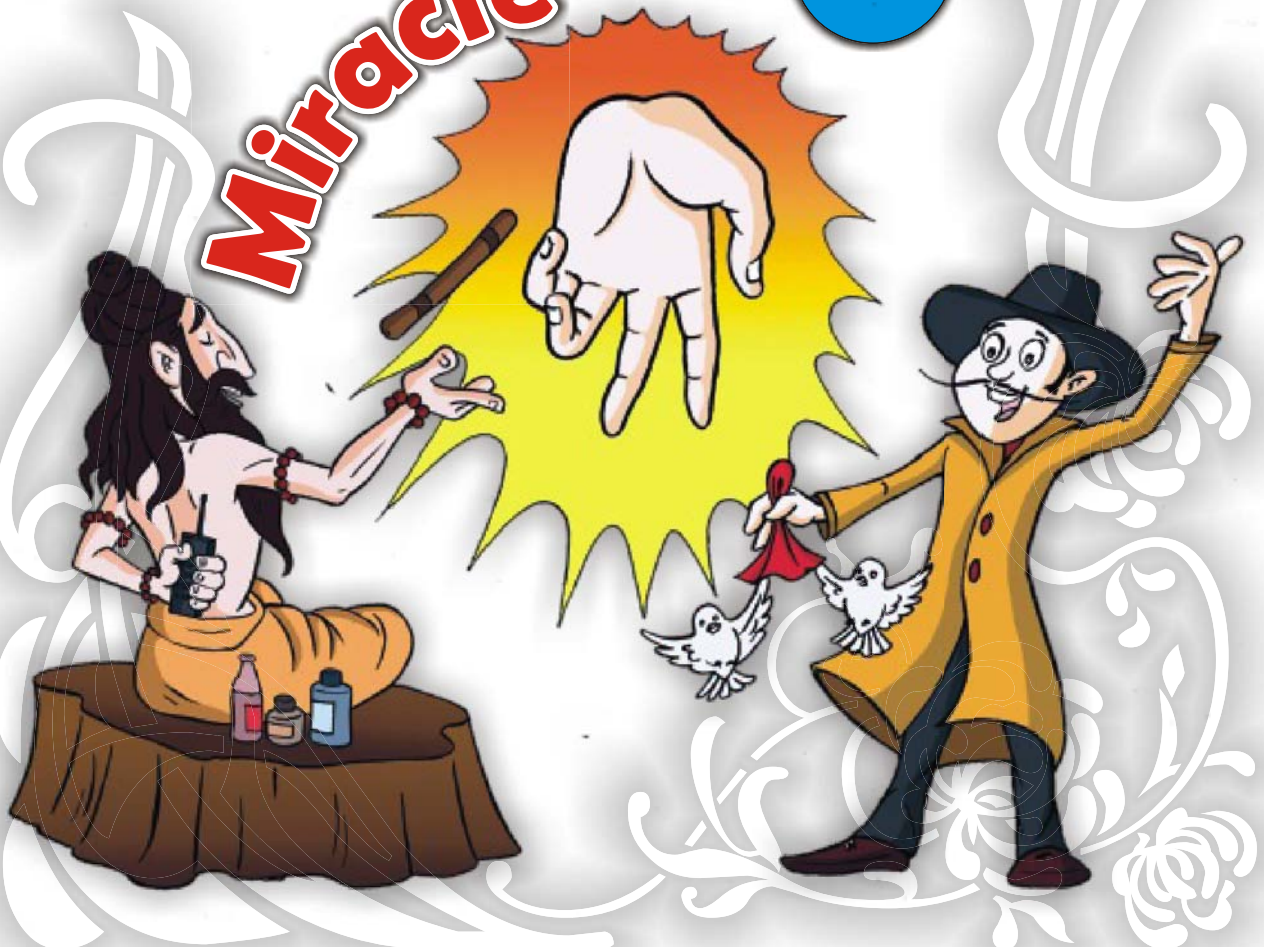
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Friends, you must have witnessed many miracles to date. For instance, a person's body is possessed by a deity - mataji, red vermilion powder flowing from a person's palms, objects appearing from thin air, the trunk of Lord Ganapati's idol sipping milk etc. How did you feel when you saw all this? You might have thought that the deities showered their grace or that it is God almighty in person.

Similarly, after seeing a magical performance, you may have been stunned, wondering how it is possible, right?

So what are miracles? How do they happen? These mysterious secrets have been revealed by Pujya Dadashri.

What should be the importance of miracles in our lives? Dadashri provides clarity and understanding on these and many such questions.

So friends, henceforth whenever you witness any miracle, remember the secrets that Dadashri has revealed in this issue and be wary of them.

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Dadaji Says

Questioner: So when things like ash, watches, vermillion powder or rice are produced out of thin air, is it a magical performance or miracle?

Dadashri: Magical performances, hand tricks! We don't understand how it happened so in our mind we feel as if the person did a miracle.

Questioner: Then what is the importance of a miracle in everyday life? Does believing in miracles lead to blind faith?

Dadashri: A miracle itself is blind faith. Therefore, the one who says he performs miracles is himself a victim of blind faith. He's cheating himself and yet he doesn't understand! Hence, miracles should hold no importance in our lives!

Questioner: So all these people who perform miracles, like pulling a watch out of thin air, what could be their reasoning for doing so?

Dadashri: They try to increase their importance (value) by performing miracles. After gaining importance, they take undue advantage of others. Most people are greedy by nature so they are likely to get trapped. Anyone who is greedy cannot be called intelligent. An intelligent person doesn't have greed and one who is greedy does not have intellect! So do not fall into the snare of miracles.

Questioner: What is a miracle?

Dadashri: A miracle is defined as a performance which no other person can replicate.

Questioner: In other words, is a miracle, what one would call 'mesmerisms'? What is it actually?

Dadashri: Performing a miracle means making a fool of others! When we aren't able to find reasoning for something, we call it a miracle! But what is it actually? It is pure science. Science that is beyond a layman's understanding is presented as a miracle. Let it be very clear in your mind that there is nothing such as a miracle. Even the slightest of miracles is commonly known as magic.

When we don't understand how something happens, we call it a miracle. It is just pure science. Since we don't understand how this science works, it is shown to us as 'miracle'. Otherwise, there is nothing such as a miracle.

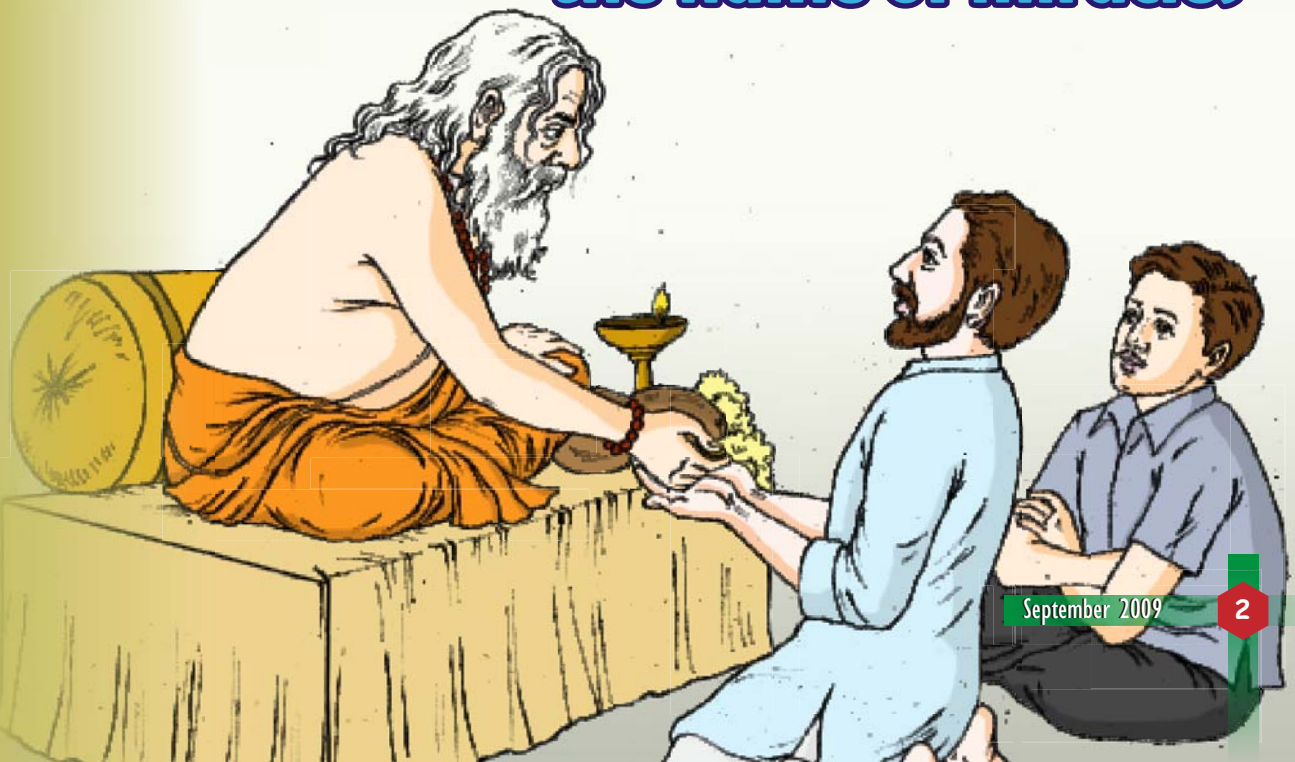


Once, in a small village called Rampur, there lived two friends named Suresh and Mahesh. Since childhood, they learned and played together as they grew up. As adults, Suresh who was detached from worldly pleasures remained a bachelor, while Mahesh got married. After marriage, Mahesh got burdened with all the responsibilities of the household. His parents had aged and the responsibility of his younger siblings was now on Mahesh's shoulders. In due course, he also became the father of three children. Due to a two year long famine, his harvests had been unfruitful. In these circumstances, he mortgaged his land and started to take loans on it in order to meet his household

expenses. In this way, his debts piled up and gradually his burdens kept rising. He was at a loss wondering what to do. He started pondering upon the thoughts of starting a new business or taking up a job in the city.

During this period, a hermit had come to his village. In order to attract crowds, the hermit started performing so called 'miracles'. The poor and less fortunate people of the village were impressed by all these acts and started falling into his trap. Mahesh, like others, approached the hermit, who heard his woes and consoled him saying, "Your stars are unfavourable. You will have to make a few offerings along with prayers and everything will be fine." Then he placed a coin on Mahesh's palm and chanted some 'mantra'. In a few moments, the coin became extremely

Beware of blind faith in the name of miracles





hot. It burned Mahesh and he threw it off his palm. The hermit said, "Son, you will have to offer peace prayers which will incur some cost that you will have to pay for." Mahesh accepted the incident as real, and believed that he needed to rectify the fault in his fate as suggested by the hermit. He started to take more money on loan to pay the hermit. The hermit continued to take advantage of Mahesh, by fooling him with new miracles on a regular basis. In this way, Mahesh almost became broke. Mahesh couldn't see a way out

and was thoroughly confused about what he should do next.

Coincidentally one day, he came across his childhood friend Suresh. Suresh was shocked to see Mahesh in this state. Mahesh related everything to his friend Suresh, who immediately understood that it was a fraud in the name of the miracles. Suresh said to Mahesh, "C'mon, lets both go to the hermit." Suresh informed the police of the sham and took the police along with him. Upon meeting the hermit, Suresh pretended as though he was also very unfortunate and needed

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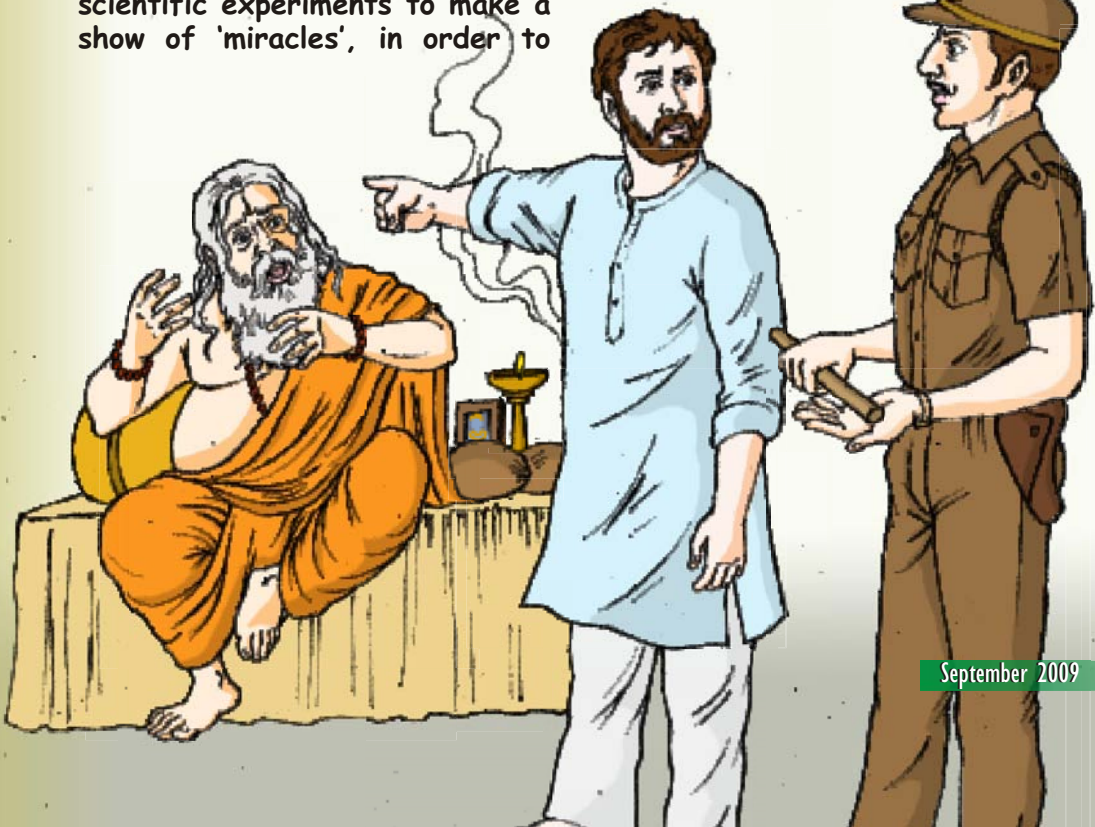
some help. The hermit as expected placed a coin on his palm and chanted a 'mantra'. A few moments later, the coin became extremely hot. In order to trap the saint, Suresh behaved as though he was dazzled by the act. The saint then produced some red vermilion powder from his palms.

Seeing this Suresh said, "Why are you producing red vermilion powder? Produce something that will be of use to people. If you produce saffron, at least it can be used to make sweet milk. Produce money, so it can be useful to donate to poor people. You have put up a phony act. You are swindling people in the name of miracles." The hermit got scared and tried to run away but Suresh immediately signaled the police to catch him. The hermit accepted that he used hand tricks and scientific experiments to make a show of 'miracles', in order to

spread blind faith and swindle people. The police interrogated him and got him to return everybody's money and valuables. Mahesh also got his money and valuables back. Suresh threatened the hermit saying, "Tell us how the coin got hot or else you will have to go to prison." The mortified hermit answered, "On applying a particular chemical to a metal coin, due to the formation of a chemical compound, the coin heats up by itself in a few moments. The spectator would feel as if a miracle truly happened, but it is not a miracle, it is just science."

Hearing this, Mahesh thanked Suresh for saving him from ruining his life and decided to begin living his life anew.

Friends, if you witness such miracles, from now onwards you will be careful, won't you? You will not get conned, right?



Miracle or Science?

Anand had heard a lot about a magical old man called Baba from his cousins in the village. All the villagers believed that it was necessary to please the magician and fulfill his needs for the well-being of everyone in the village. Anand goes to the village to spend his vacation.

Oh! Lots of them. Last year's nourishing harvest was all a result of his blessings. He had predicted a healthy monsoon season.

Granma, which of Baba's miracles have you witnessed?

But Granma, what is the big deal in predicting rains? Anybody who checks the weather forecast can predict rains.

Anand, don't you dare say anything insulting against Baba.

Diwali day, all the villagers gather to take Baba's blessings.

Children, pay your respects to Baba with an offering of Rs 100/- and take his blessings.

Ok, Granma.

A metal container is placed in front of Baba. He lifts it into the air without touching it. All the villagers place their money in the container one at a time as Baba predicts each person's future.

Your team will win next year.

As soon as Anand's brothers placed Rs 100/- in the container, it flew up in the air. Anand observed Baba as well as the container keenly.

Is this possible, sir?


Yes, when electricity passes through wires tied over metal, a magnetic field is created which pulls iron objects towards it.

Baba must have hidden a wire mesh overhead. His hand is always hidden under a cloth from where he must be operating the power supply.

This is truly amazing, but the trick must be based on some science. The container seems to be made of metal; it must be lifted into the air by the force of a magnet.

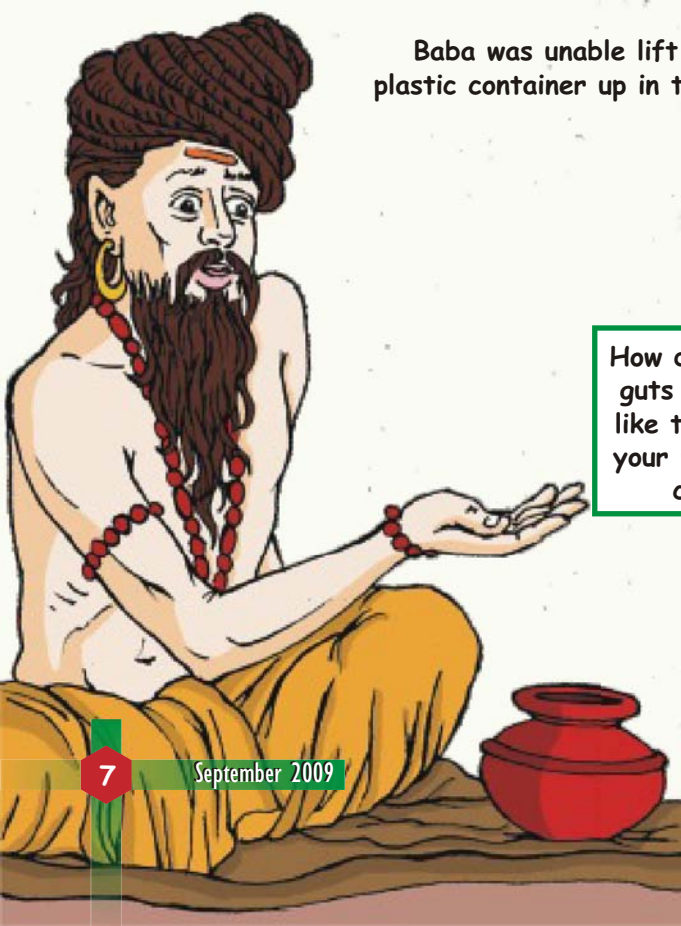
Anand immediately called his science professor and described the situation.

The next day,



Baba, this container seems to be worn out. I have brought a beautiful plastic container for you. Can you lift it in the air?

Baba was unable lift the plastic container up in the air.



How did you have the guts to speak to me like this? Where are your parents? I shall curse them.

This is not a miracle. It is the pure science of electro magnetism at work here. Magnets can only attract iron objects not plastic objects. That's why Baba could not lift the plastic container up in the air. We believe it to be a miracle because we do not know the science working behind it.

Anand quickly uncovered the magnet and showed the power point to people sitting there.

I can perform such a trick too.

Anand turned on the switch which lifted the metal container in the air once again.

Oh god!

Baba was deeply ashamed of his doings. The people got together and gave him a good beating. They took away all the money and valuables that they had been cheated of.

Remember, when other objects are required to perform an act it cannot be called a miracle.

Once when Dada was 28 years old, he happened to be sitting with ten of his friends when suddenly the topic of miracles came up. In those days, people used to get highly impressed by miracles. Dada spoke up, "Why are you all so impressed by miracles? Come, I'll perform a miracle too." Everyone asked, "What miracle can you perform?" Dada replied, "This is a piece of paper. Shall I fry snacks in a frying pan made of this paper!" His friends asked with astonishment, "How can that be possible? What you are saying is illogical." Dada answered, "I can make a paper frying pan, heat oil in it on a stove and fry snacks for all of you to eat." Finally it was decided that Dada would perform the experiment in their presence. There is a court in Vadodara (Baroda) which has a huge central hall. With the reference of an insider, permission was granted to perform the experiment in that hall. Dada, along with his group of 10 friends and a few other people had gathered there. Dada performed this experiment there. He asked for a stove, made a paper frying pan and prepared the batter for the snack. Dada poured oil into the paper frying pan and waved his hands up and down acting as if he was performing magic. So everyone present understood this as though some 'mantra' had been chanted!

The others would not have felt as if a miracle occurred if he hadn't done so. Dada then placed the paper frying pan on the stove. Once the oil reached boiling point, Dada fried one piece of snack at a time. The snack frittered around in the oil! In this way, Dada fried ten-twelve pieces of snack and served each person one. Everyone was stunned with what they had seen and said to Dada, "You must know how to perform miracles, otherwise how would this be possible?" Dada said, "Now, if I teach you the method, you too can do it. That which can be taught to others, cannot be called a miracle. Therefore, no such person exists who knows how to perform miracles. It is all

pure science. It is the nature of science that oil poured under certain circumstances in a frying pan made of paper burns, while under different circumstances it doesn't burn. It is the nature of paper to set a blaze if it is even slightly oily at the bottom.

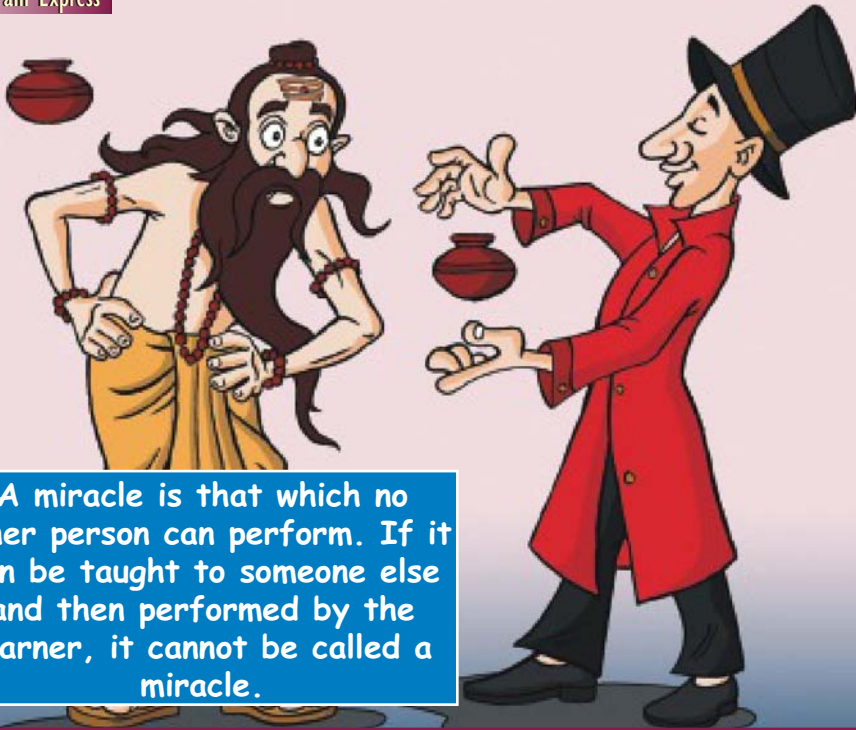
Friends: But paper sucks oil, doesn't it?

Dada: Yes, it sucks oil. The insides of the paper frying pan will show the oil sucked up. We can see the oil stains. But if there is no oil on the outer side of the paper frying pan, then the paper will not catch fire. That is the scientific property of paper. Our intellect tells us that fire burns paper and if it is filled with oil, it burns faster. But on the contrary, paper burns only if there is oil at the bottom of the paper. People believe it to be a miracle, when they don't know the science working behind the experiment!

In this way, Dada steered people away from blind faith towards reality by revealing the true nature of miracles.

Sweet Memories

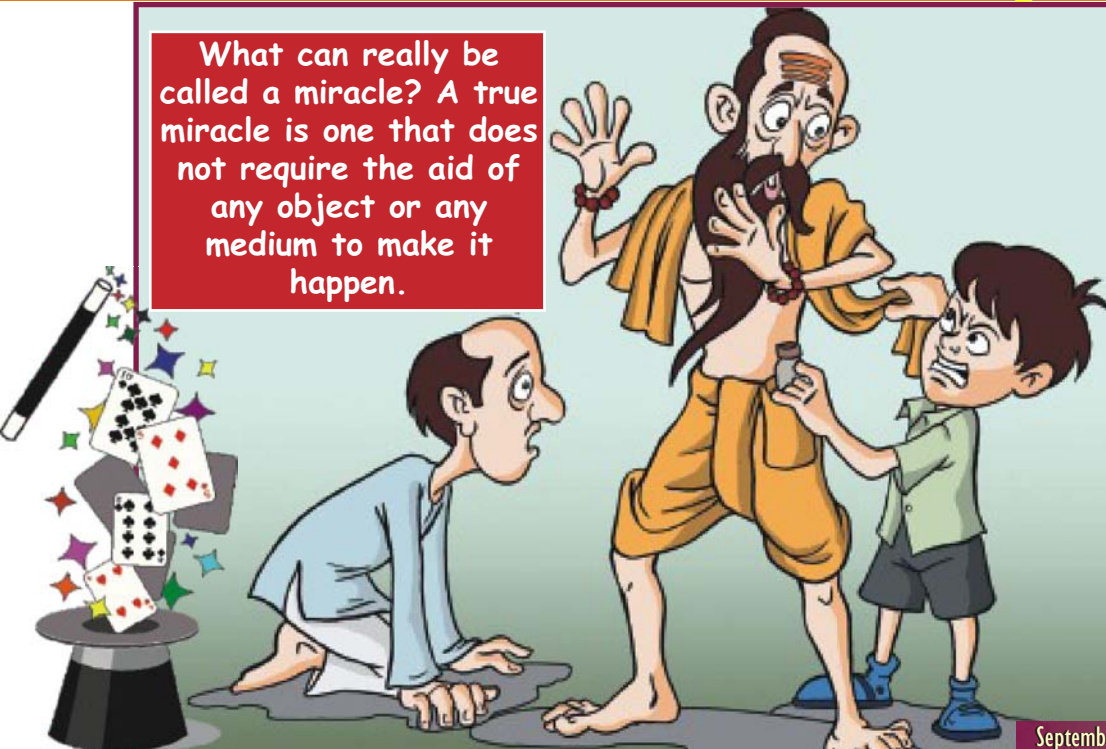




A miracle is that which no other person can perform. If it can be taught to someone else and then performed by the learner, it cannot be called a miracle.

Absolutely new

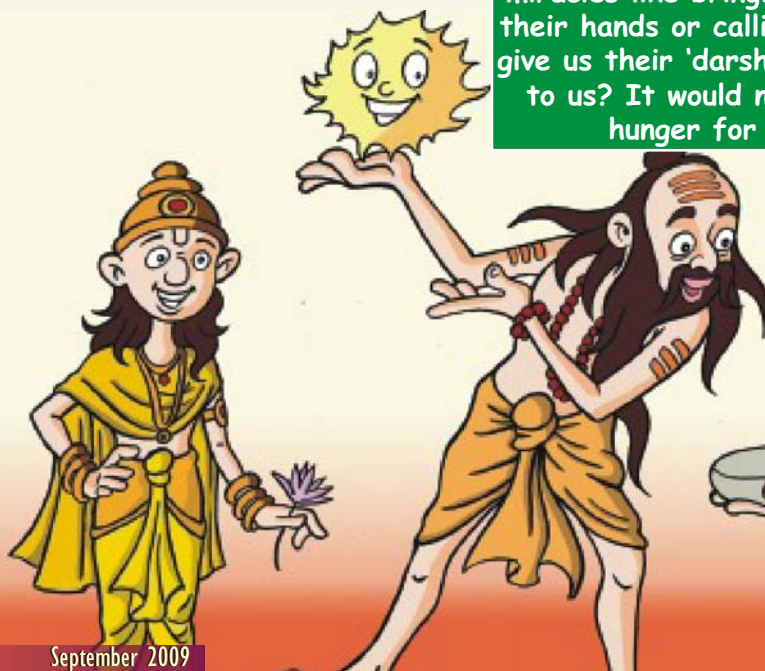
What can really be called a miracle? A true miracle is one that does not require the aid of any object or any medium to make it happen.





If you are someone who can truly perform miracles, then do something useful - do something so that our country no longer has to import food from other countries.

and different!



If someone claims to be able to do miracles like bringing the sun down into their hands or calling celestial beings to give us their 'darshan', of what use is it to us? It would not even satisfy our hunger for a single meal!

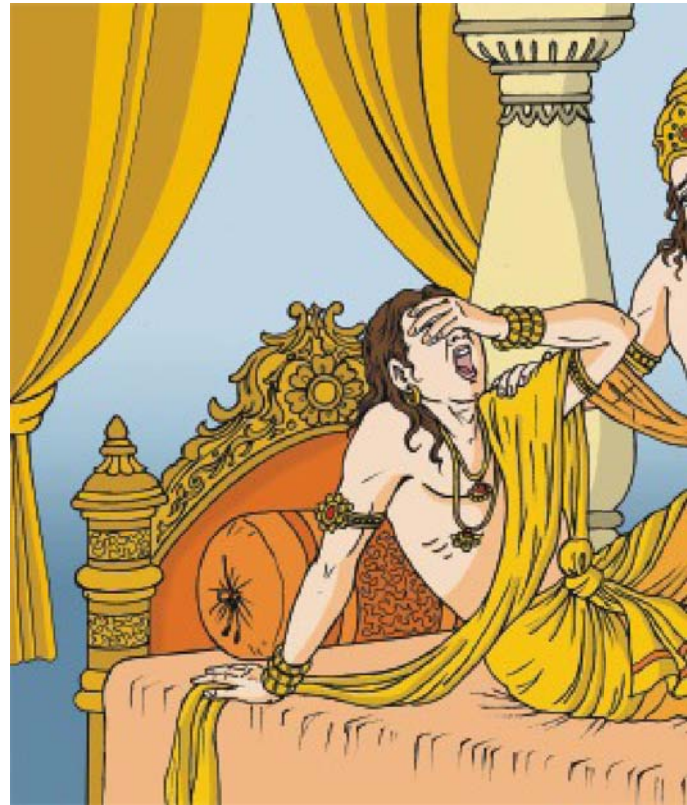


Once, Shrenik, the king of Magadh was horse riding and he happened to turn up in the midst of a jungle. There he cited a young, handsome and divine ascetic, deep in penance. The ascetic was named Anathi muni. The king was highly impressed by his looks and politely asked the ascetic, "What great sorrow has befallen you at this young age, that you have renounced everything? Return to this world to enjoy its worldly pleasures." The ascetic answered, "O king, I am orphan in this world, which is why I have abandoned everything and renounced the world. Now I do not wish to trace back my steps."

Hearing this, the king said, "Oh! It is such a small matter! Ascetic, I am ready to offer you shelter. I shall always take care of you. Now turn back into the world."

To this Anathi muni responded saying, "O Shrenik! King of Magadh. You yourself are forlorn, then how can you protect me?" The king was shocked to hear the muni's words. He thought, "I have every luxury, I am prosperous and rich, I have a loving family, I am

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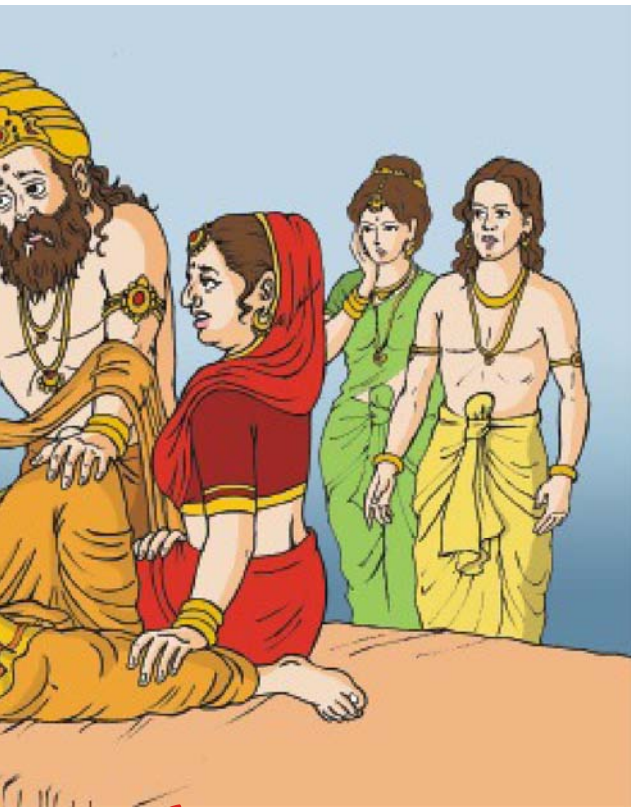


Mythological

bestowed with all imaginable worldly pleasures, I have a large army at my disposal and I am the ruler of many kingdoms, everyone obeys my orders and I have everything I could yearn for. How can I be orphan even though I have everything?"

Muni continued, "O king? You have not completely understood what I mean to say. Let me resolve your doubts." Saying this, the ascetic started to explain his story.

"I was a resident of the beautiful city of Kaushambi. My father, Dhansanchay, was a very wealthy man. One day, all of a sudden, I started having severe pain in my eyes and a burning sensation throughout my body. I was in deep suffering due



Stories

to this pain. I tried various medicines and treatment options but none provided relief. My parents and siblings all tried hard, but none could soothe my pain nor take it away. O king Shrenik, this itself was my state of forlornness. I had everything and everybody at my disposal, but nobody's love, medication or sincere efforts could help cure me. I was very miserable in my worldly life. One night, I decided that if my disease gets cured, I shall renounce the world and become a monk. The night passed and my disease disappeared along with it. I was cured. I renounced the world with the approval of my parents, family and friends.

From the moment I decided to take refuge in the Lord, I was no

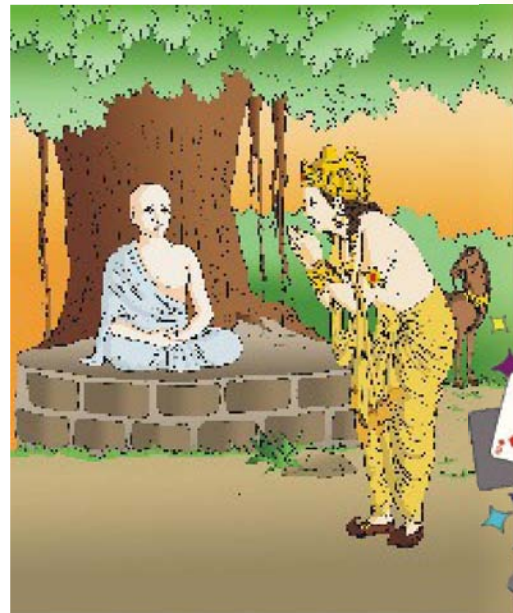
more orphan and came under the Lord's protection."

The king listened to the ascetic's life experience with great curiosity. Then the muni asked the king, "Tell me, O king! Can your wealth, glory, luxury, family, relatives or large army take away your pain?"

The king bowed to the ascetic in affirmation and said, "O ascetic, you are truly blessed. You have chosen the path of salvation in your budding youth. I ask for forgiveness for having tried to lure you back into this material world with my measly conversation. Please forgive me."

Saying this, king Shrenik turns back to his palace feeling graced with the preaching's of the ascetic.

Friends, no matter how blessed we are with luxuries, education, knowledge or good looks, but until we take refuge in the Lord, we are orphan. A 'Gnani Purush' can help us attain self realization (knowledge of pure soul) and connect us to the Lord. It is only then that we come under the Lord's refuge and attain his shelter.



Pujyashree with kids

Questioner: Has there ever been an argument between you, Dada and Niruma?

Pujyashree: No, there hasn't. It has never happened. Niruma was always in 'param vinay' of Dada and where there is 'param vinay', there is no possibility of an argument. And I was always in 'param vinay' of Niruma, as well as 'param vinay' of Dada. So I have never had any argument with them. I never quarreled with my parents either. I have never found fault in my parents. Yes, they scolded me sometimes, on account of 'satsang'. Then too, I never saw their fault, quarreled or argued with them. I always completely accepted whatever faults they pointed out in me saying, "You are saying there is a mistake that is correct." I only longed for satsang which I attained after they were pleased. One should not

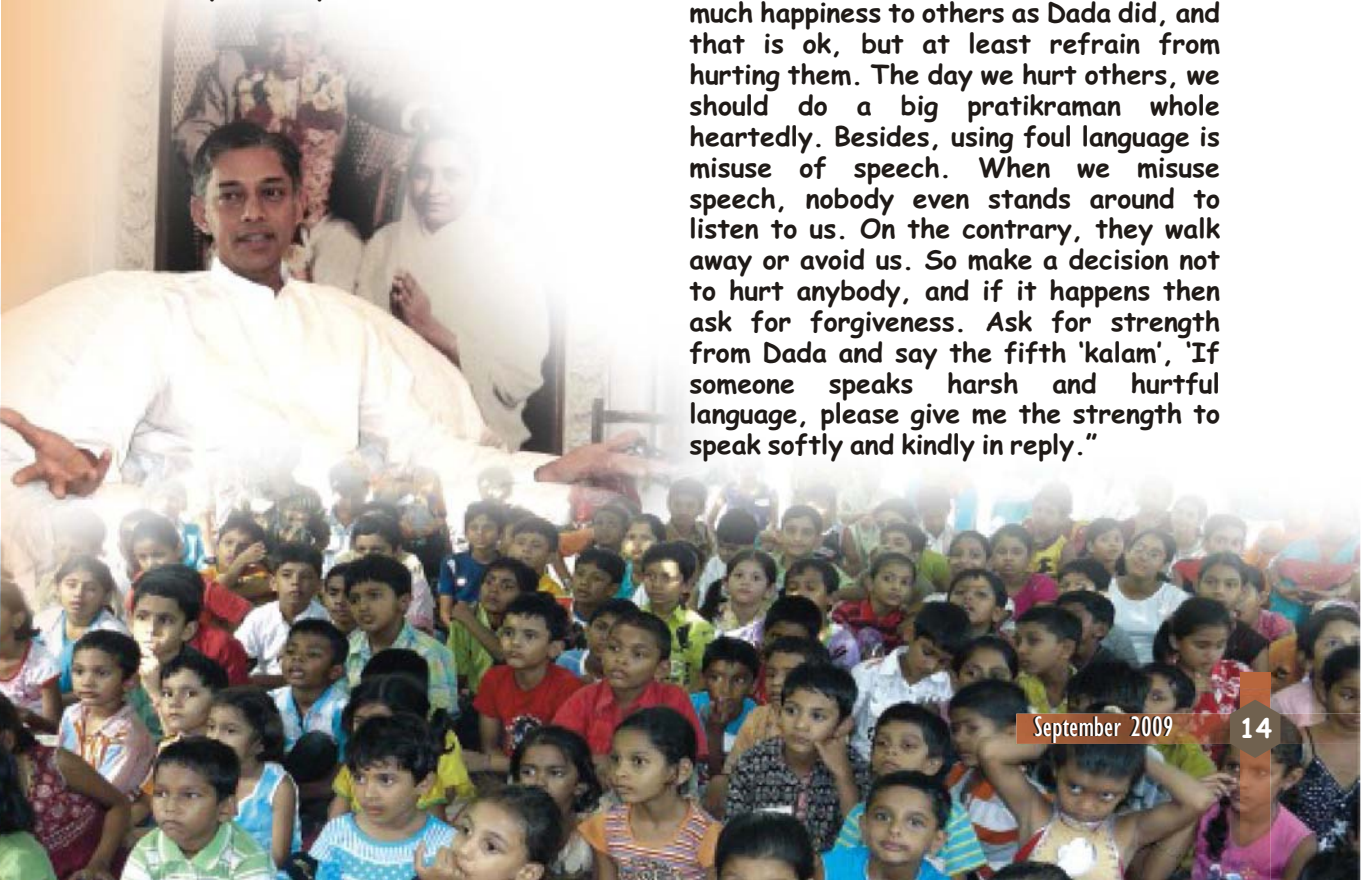
find faults in others; moreover, one should never ever quarrel with others. I have never ever fought with anybody. I am never comfortable quarreling with others.

Questioner: I have been hurting other people. While chatting with friends or others, I tend to use foul language.

Pujyashree: You do 'pratikraman' after that, don't you?

Questioner: Yes.

Pujyashree: Then on that day, sit for an hour and ask for forgiveness sincerely. Do we have the right to hurt anybody? If you cannot give happiness to others at least don't hurt them. What a great goal of life Dada had! "I only want to give happiness to whosoever I come across in this entire life." He never hurt anybody; on the contrary he always gave happiness to others. We might not be able to give as much happiness to others as Dada did, and that is ok, but at least refrain from hurting them. The day we hurt others, we should do a big pratikraman whole heartedly. Besides, using foul language is misuse of speech. When we misuse speech, nobody even stands around to listen to us. On the contrary, they walk away or avoid us. So make a decision not to hurt anybody, and if it happens then ask for forgiveness. Ask for strength from Dada and say the fifth 'kalam', 'If someone speaks harsh and hurtful language, please give me the strength to speak softly and kindly in reply.'



Introspect Within!

Match the Column

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| <p>1) You notice that a magic performance is being shown on TV and that the magician has an assistant.</p> <p>2) Your friend at school shows you how he can make a rock disappear and tells you that his grandfather taught him how to do this.</p> <p>3) While walking with your parents, you see someone on the street doing a show for an audience that's gathered. It looks like the person can make objects move without touching them. You remember seeing the same thing done in a science lesson in school.</p> | <p>A) True magic can't be learned by someone else!</p> <p>B) Things which can be done by use of science are shown as being magic to those who do not realize it... but this is not true magic!</p> <p>C) True magic doesn't require support from anything or anyone!</p> |
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My Vision

1) If you were given the ability to do real miracles for one day, but you are only to use it to do things for yourself, what would you do? Make a list of ten things you would do only for yourself with this ability.

2) Now imagine that you can only use this ability to do miracles for other people, not for yourself - so now what would you do? Make another list of ten things you would do only for other people with this ability.

3) Are both lists completed? Very good! Now, read these two lists again and think - would you be happier doing something only for yourself or by doing somethings for others?

Responses from the previous issue of "My Vision"

I am the class monitor. There is a student who fools around during class every day. One day, I would sit with that student and very patiently and lovingly explain that, we come to class to study so we should focus on studying and allow other students to study as well. By doing this, all the students will be able to study well and the teacher will not get angry on you either. Everyone will be friendly with you and you will become everyone's favorite.

Although the student misbehaved during class, I did not get angry and instead I preferred to explain the matter patiently and lovingly because our work gets ruined by getting angry. If I get angry with that student I would be encouraging him to do more mischief and he would feel hurt by my anger. The student would understand better with a patient explanation and s/he would realize his/her mistake and become good. The student will not do mischief again and will focus his/her attention on studying.

Name: Bhakti C. Parekh,
Vadodara, Age: 7 years

Everyone feels like Dada Bhagwan is "mine"
That's what's called the biggest miracle of all!!!

Answers: - 1) C, 2) A, 3) B

Rakshabandhan Day, Pujoyashree tying a rakhee on Swami

Pujoyashree breaking a pot during Janmashtmi celebrations

Pujoyashree doing Swami Pran Prathistha

YMHT Girls tying a Rakhee on Pujoyashree's wrist

Glimpse of Simandhar city

Mahatmas overwhelmed with emotion after Swami Pran Prathistha

Mumbai LMHT kids celebration Janmashtmi

Here's the Magic!!!



Get your calculators ready and follow the instructions.

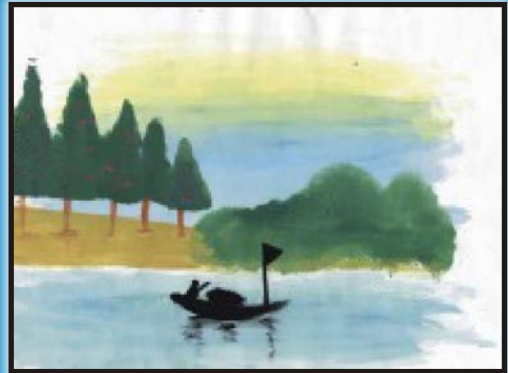
- 1) Decide how many times per week you would like to go for outing
- 2) Multiply the number by 2
- 3) Add 5
- 4) Multiply by 50
- 5) If your birthday has passed for this year add 1759 alternatively add 1758 if it has not yet passed.
- 6) Subtract the year you were born in. (eg.: 1980, 1995, etc.).

Now see the Magic,

- 1) Your total is now a three digit number
- 2) The first of the three digits is the number of times per week you would like to go for outing.
- 3) The last two digits is your age.

Did you enjoy the magic !! But remember, 2009 is the only year this Calculation will work in, so show it to your friends & surprise them before the year is over!

Drawings/paintings created by kids during kids camps



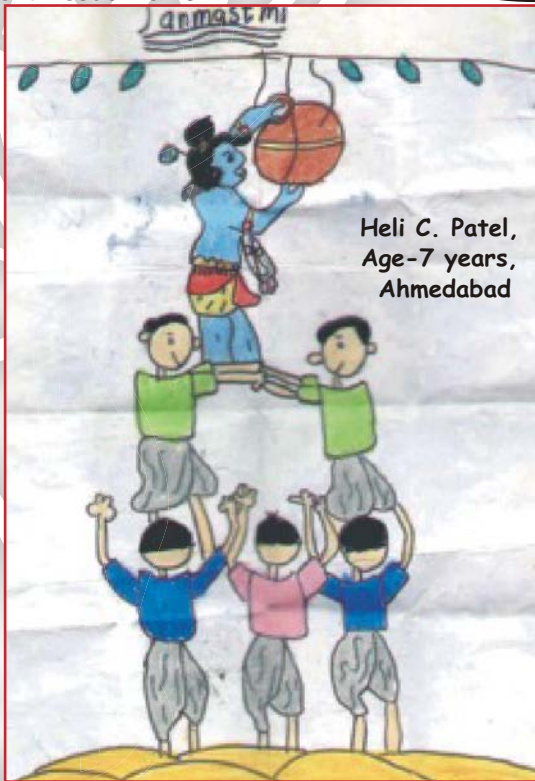
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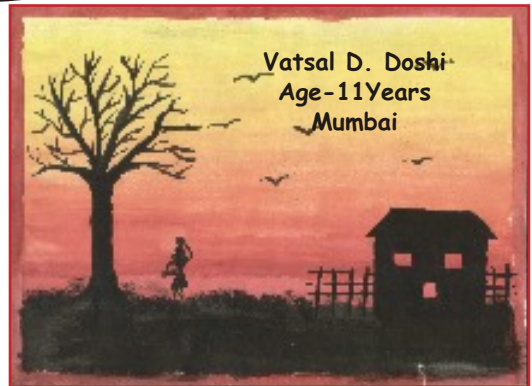
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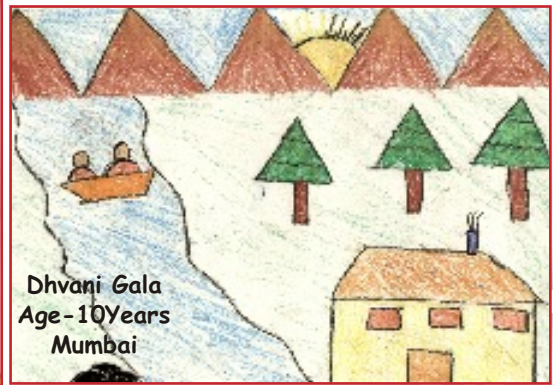
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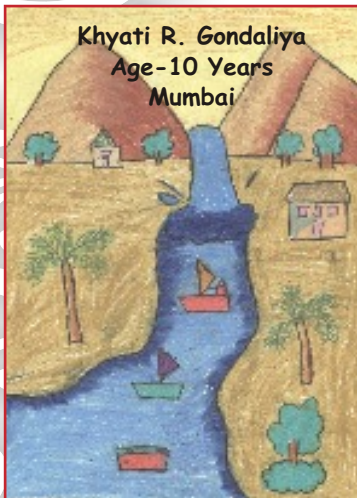
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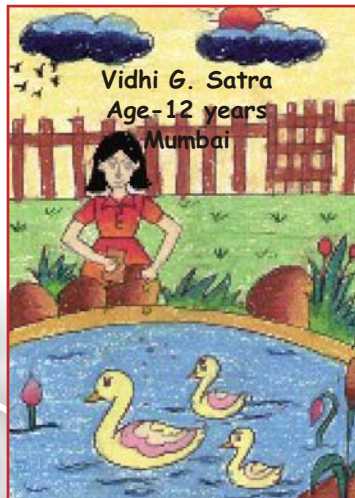
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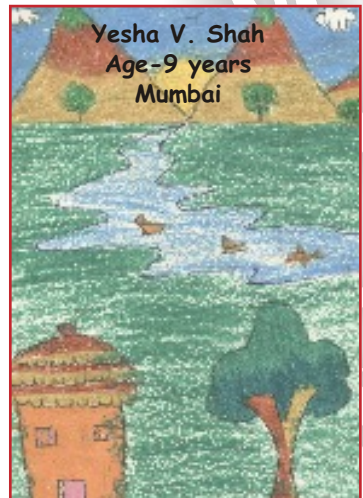
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