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Dada, the Puzzle Solver





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Editorial

So many different skills and art forms exist in the world. An artist has skill in his own art form, an engineer possesses skill in the art of engineering, a lawyer is skilled in administering the law, and so on. But can all the problems of life be solved with these skills? No!

The skill that is worth learning is the one that can solve every single one of life's issues, so that life becomes easy. Dadashri possessed that very skill and he used it to solve puzzles in his own life as well as solving them for others.

In this issue let's read about how Dadashri solved problems in different settings with this unique skill. Alongside this we'll get to understand the incredible importance of doing *darshan* (devotional viewing) of Dadashri, and how we should never miss out on the opportunity to do this.

- Dimple Mehta

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Gnanis Say...

Questioner: What is *bodhakala* (the art of worldly interaction)?

Pujyashree: *Bodhakala* is the art of achieving a solution whenever a puzzle arises, no matter how complex it is. Dada had a gift for solving any kind of problem while not seeing anyone at fault, not hurting anyone and without seeing circumstances as wrong. That is called *bodhakala*. He would take adjustments in a such way that both inner satisfaction as well as an external solution would be achieved.

Questioner: So, can we also develop this *bodhakala*?

Pujyashree: Yes, it is possible. Our understanding can increase by listening to *satsangs* (spiritual discourses). And when problems arise, whether big or small, you should solve them without seeing faults and without hurting anyone. Solving problems in this way increases our ability to solve any puzzle. We also have true-life stories from Dada's life.

We can learn from them and gradually our abilities will increase.

Amphitheatre

So, get ready ...
to take a
peek into Dada's
life!

Puppet Show

Theme Park

By reading
Dada's stories, gaining
the right understanding
and then using what we
learn in our daily life, we
too can become a
'Puzzle Solver' just
like Dada!

Puppet Show

Fearless Puzzle Solver

One day, Dadashri had to go on a business trip by rail. He was supposed to catch a train from Baroda station at 5 pm. He had a helper with him. When they reached the station, their train had already left.

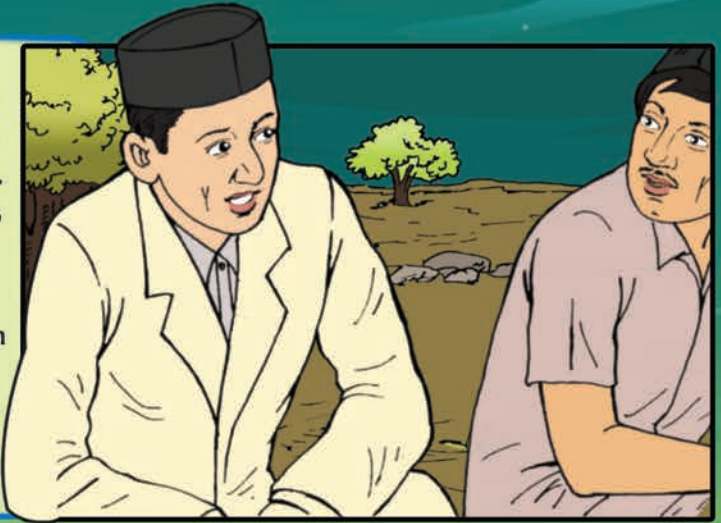


Dadashri was carrying a thousand rupees in his pocket for work. One thousand rupees in that time was equal to approximately one hundred thousand rupees in today's money. The helper was nervous about travelling with such a large amount of cash, but Dadashri reassured him that he would take care of everything.

The business meeting was important. The town where they needed to go to was about 18 kilometers away. Dadashri decided to walk all the way there with his helper.



Having walked for roughly 12 kilometers, they stopped in a village to have tea and snacks. The road ahead was known to be a little dangerous. It was well known that a gang of thugs stationed themselves on the shores of the village lake and robbed travellers passing through the village.



There was the darkness to contend with as well as the fear of robbers. The helper was petrified, but Dadashri reassured him by saying that he would handle everything. The only thing he asked the helper to do was to hide the thousand rupees in a corner of his *dhoti* (long loincloth).



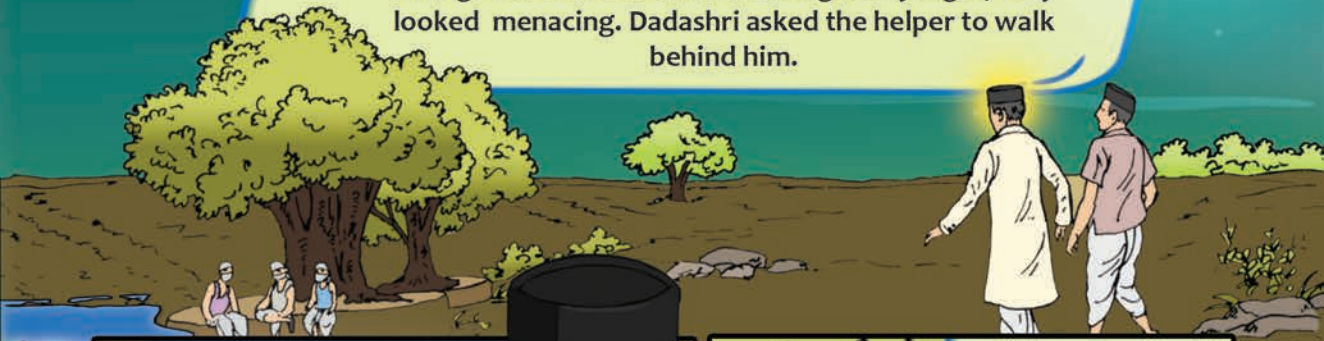
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Puppet Show

But why did Dadashri give the money to the helper?

Because the helper was poor. If the robbers were after money, they would go straight to Dadashri. They would not even look at the helper. But don't interrupt me, let me finish telling you the whole story.

As they walked further, they spotted four or five robbers sitting at the lakeside. In the dark gloomy night, they looked menacing. Dadashri asked the helper to walk behind him.



Dadashri walked past the robbers without the slightest fear.

Hey, where have you come from?



We didn't have money for the train ticket so we've had to walk all the way. Good thing we have met. Let's relax for a bit while we smoke a cigarette. Can you light my cigarette for me please? I'm out of matches.

The robber lit the cigarette.

He does not even have money to buy matches. He could end up being a burden on us.



It's done. Now come on, move along!

And thus, by acting poor, Dadashri escaped from the robber's grasp.

Where did Dadashri get such super ideas from? From now on if I get stuck in the dark, I'll find a way out without being afraid.



Who Is Lurking in the Dark?!

The year was 1932. One night, at around half past eleven at night, Ambalalbai, our Dadashri, was heading back home on his bicycle. Suddenly he caught sight of unusual flames of fire emerging from under a mahuda tree (a type of Indian tropical tree). The flames kept on appearing and vanishing.

Ambalalbai had heard people say that this mahuda tree was haunted. Seeing the flashing flames he felt sure that ghosts must live there. It was a tense moment for Dadashri. On one hand he felt a little scared but on the other hand he felt there was no point in turning back.



From a young age Ambalalbai would face any difficult or fearful situation head-on instead of running away from it. He always had the conviction that, 'Nothing will happen to me'.

So, he increased his speed, and started pedalling faster and faster, and rammed into the flames.

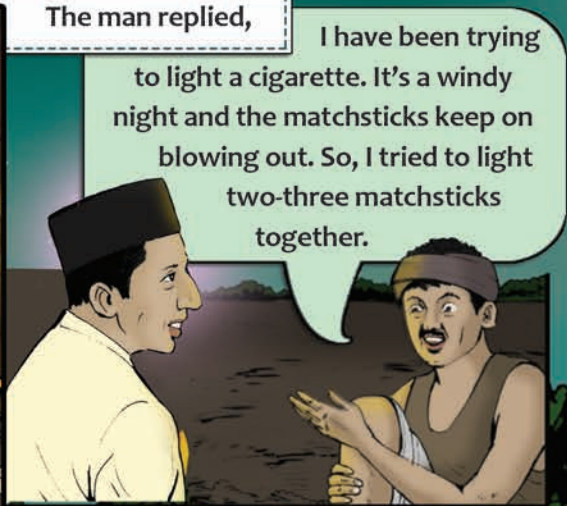
To his surprise he heard a pitiful moan and someone's voice.

Oh sir, you nearly killed me!



There really was no ghost there.

Hey, who would want to kill you? What are you doing here at this time?



The man replied,

I have been trying to light a cigarette. It's a windy night and the matchsticks keep on blowing out. So, I tried to light two-three matchsticks together.



Ambalalbai now understood where the flames were coming from. The flames were in fact small. They only appeared big because once the suspicion of a ghost has set in, we see what our imagination leads us to see.



In the movie they simply scare us with sound effects and visual effects. As Dada said, they are all ghosts of imagination!

Dada was so brave! He did not run away. I even get scared of ghosts in a movie.

WONDER OF THE WORLD

One should just keep looking at the Gnani (the One with the knowledge of the Self), simply darshan (devotional viewing) of the Gnani is to be done. It is possible to attain everything simply through darshan of the Gnani Purush (One who has realised the Self and is able to do the same for others).



When one has accumulated merit karmas from millions of lifetimes, only then it is possible to get darshan of the Gnani purush.

Simply through darshan of the Gnani, demerit karmas of countless lifetimes get burnt to ashes!

For the one who has done darshan of a Gnani purush, any problems that come their way will be lighter. All obstacles are overcome by virtue of darshan of the Gnani.



After doing darshan of Dada, if your pain does not go away, then this is not Dada at all.



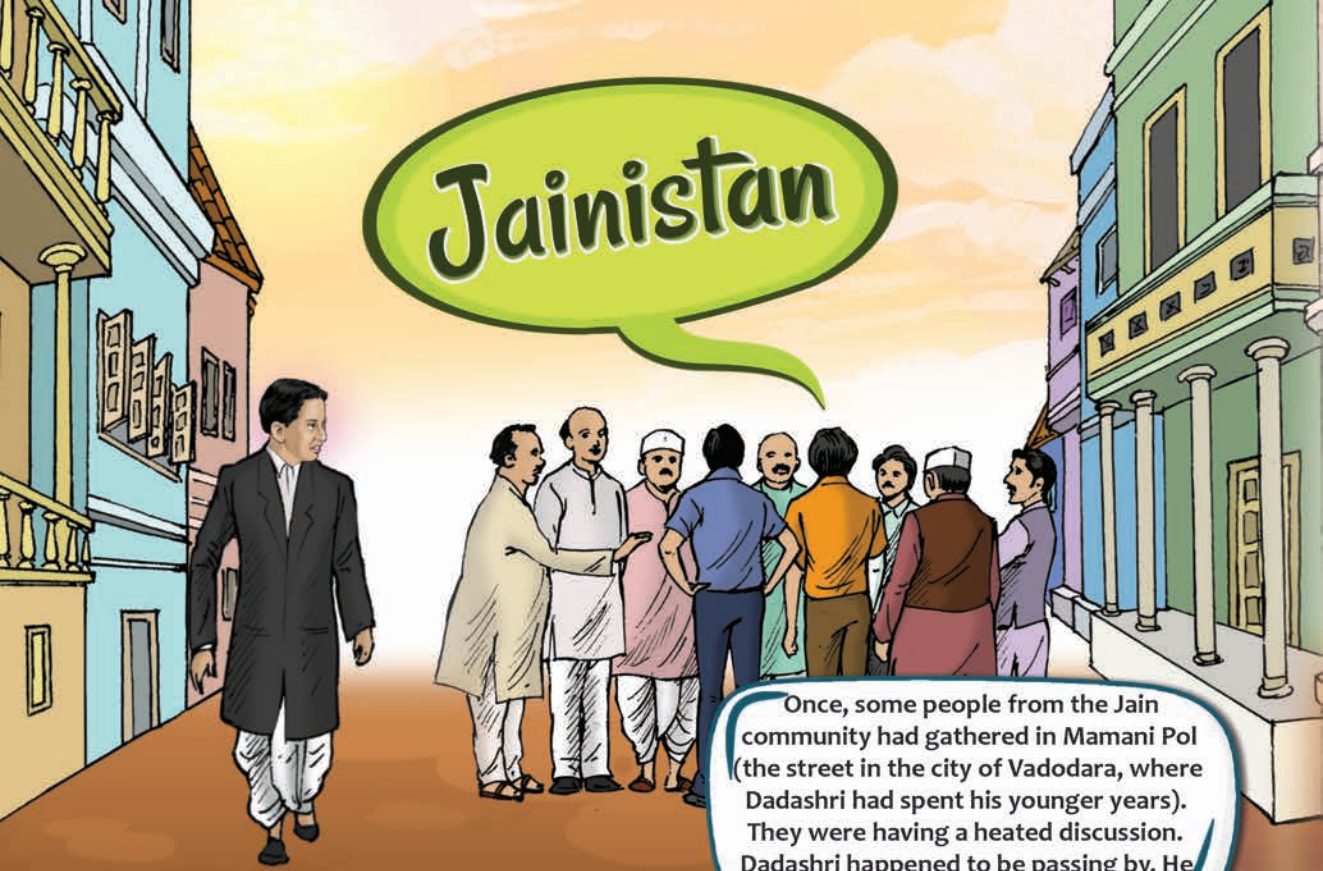
Do not miss the opportunity of doing darshan of the Gnanipurush. Even if you have to stay up at night, you should do this darshan. This darshan is considered a wonder of the world!

By doing darshan of the Gnanipurush, the mind becomes good and strong, the speech becomes good, the thoughts become good.

If you do ekagrata (concentrate with unity of mind, body and speech) of the Gnanipurush, then you will get darshan of the Tirthankar (the absolutely enlightened Lord whose darshan grants final liberation to the one who has attained Self-realisation).

If one does true darshan of the Gnanipurush only once, then one's salvation is verily possible.

Jainistan



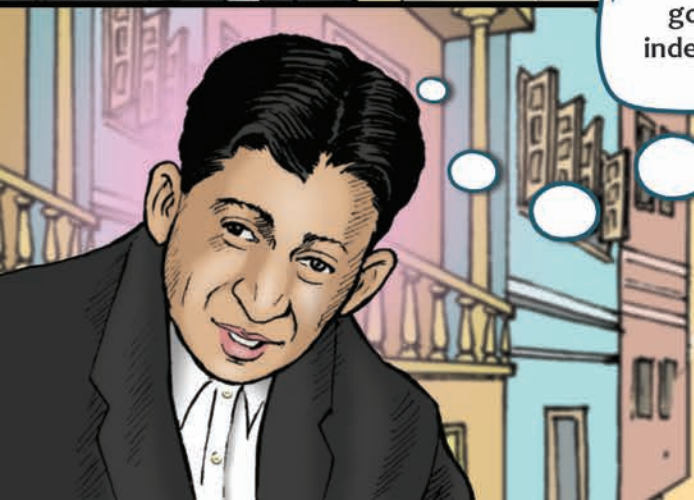
Once, some people from the Jain community had gathered in Mamani Pol (the street in the city of Vadodara, where Dadashri had spent his younger years). They were having a heated discussion. Dadashri happened to be passing by. He heard the word 'Jainistan.'



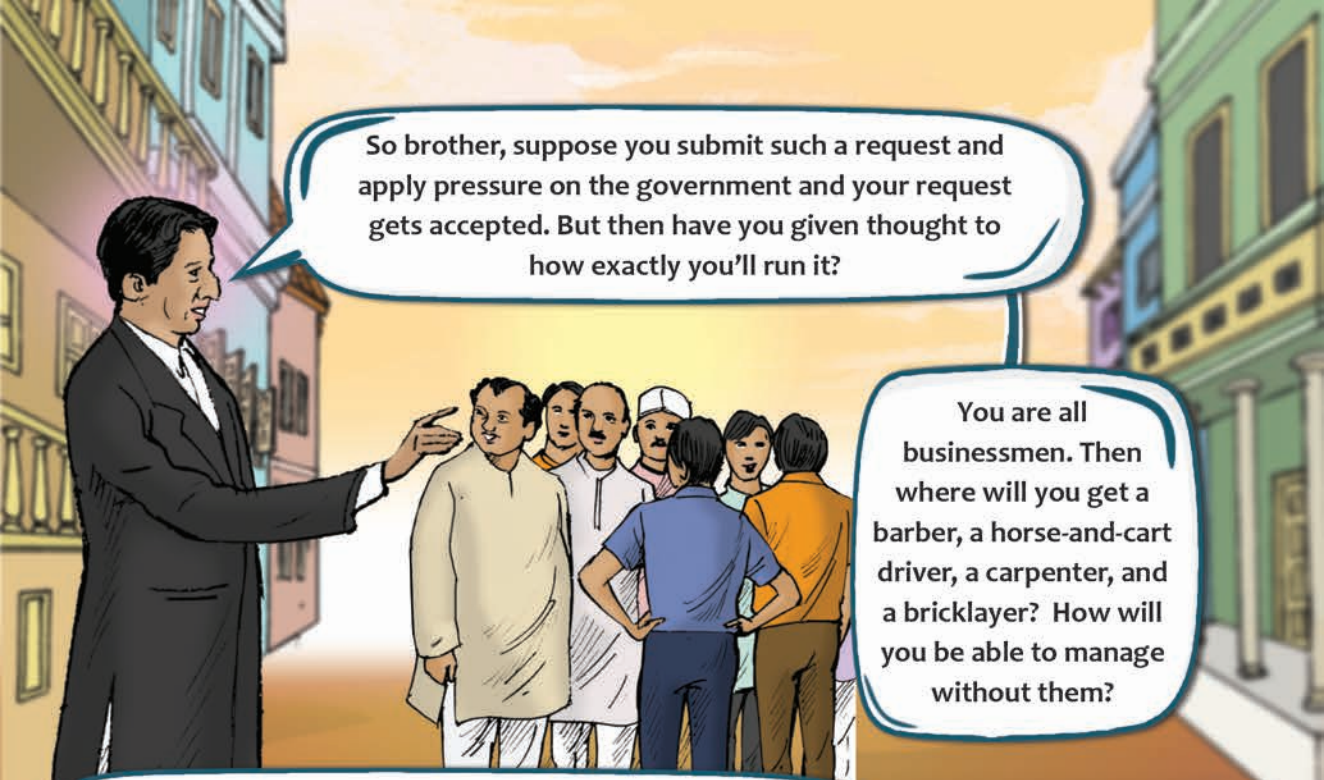
What is this discussion about?



We are going to ask the government for a separate independent land for us, called 'Jainistan'.




These are all very intellectual and wise people. Even then they thought of creating such division?!



So brother, suppose you submit such a request and apply pressure on the government and your request gets accepted. But then have you given thought to how exactly you'll run it?


You are all businessmen. Then where will you get a barber, a horse-and-cart driver, a carpenter, and a bricklayer? How will you be able to manage without them?

Dadashri spent half an hour explaining all of this to them. Everyone went quiet.



We have made a big mistake. We cannot ask for something like this!

Yes, he managed to make the anger of so many people vanish and in such a short time!



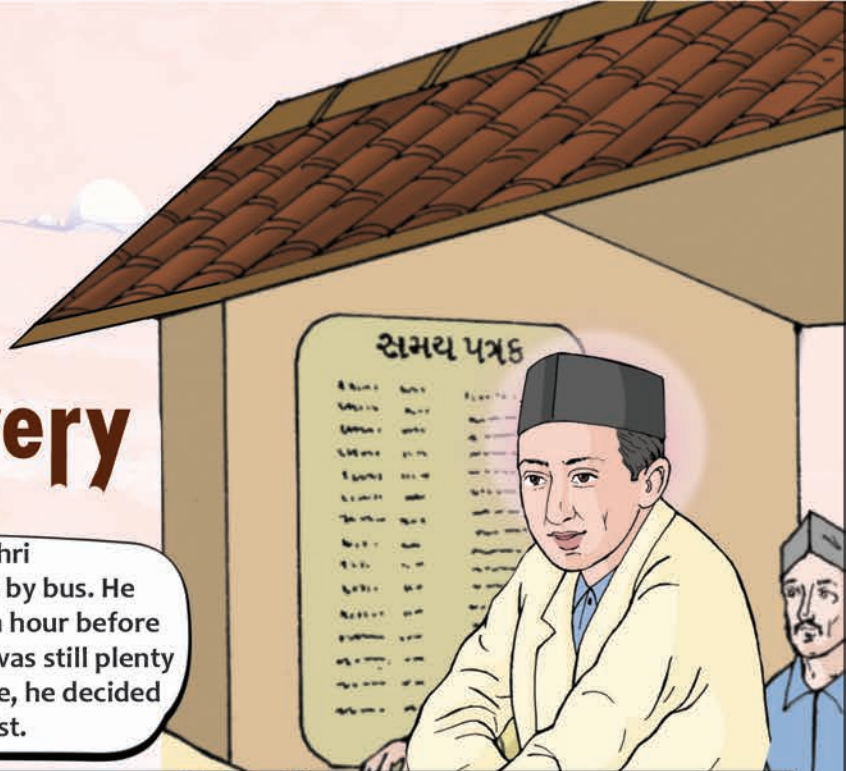
Dada is so cool!

Puppet Show

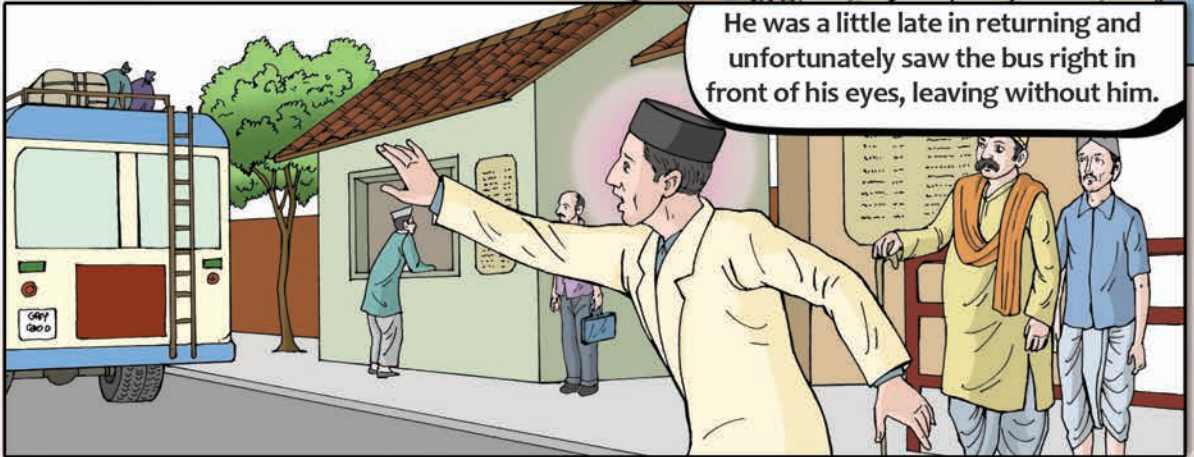
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A New Discovery

One day Dadashri had to make a journey by bus. He arrived at the bus stop an hour before the bus was due. As there was still plenty of time for the bus to come, he decided to go for breakfast.



He was a little late in returning and unfortunately saw the bus right in front of his eyes, leaving without him.



He found out from the ticket booth that the next bus was not due until one and a half hours later.



He felt a little restless as to how he would pass ninety minutes of waiting time, but then Dadashri had an idea.

It is a unique type of foolishness to waste time waiting for someone or something. But at that time, there was no choice but to wait. Then why not make good use of this time!



Dadashri closed his eyes and started reciting devotional songs.

Dadashri realised that with his eyes closed he could clearly visualise the letters of each word, he was reciting. If the *chit* (inner faculty of knowledge and vision) is preoccupied in 'reading' the words, then the mind stops thinking about other things, and inner bliss arises.

Dadashri was very happy with his new discovery. He was very satisfied that he had used his time wisely.

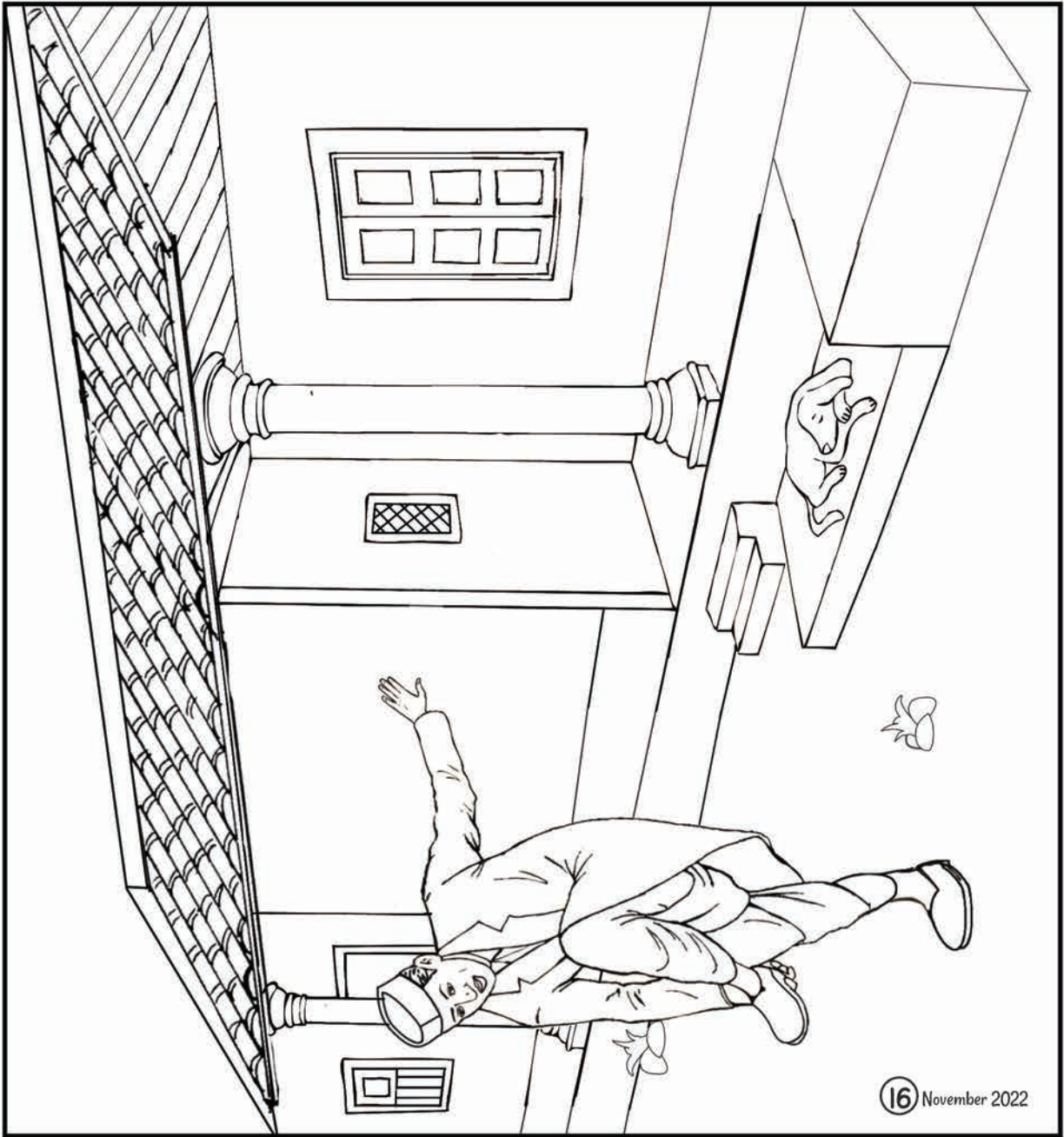
Now you know, right? When you are faced with waiting in line at the funfair, please remember not to push in and jump the queue!

Information desk

Yes, now I will close my eyes and visualise each and every letter of the words, while I sing in my sweet voice, "Dada Bhagwan na Aseem..."



Colour this picture of an incident from Dada's life. Share a photo of your completed picture with us by 20th November on 9313665562
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We are Kings

Once there were two children who kept pestering their father to buy fireworks for them. But the father could not afford them. He asked Dadashri to help him talk his children out of it.

Dadashri asked the children, "Do you like fireworks?"

The children answered, "Yes, for sure. Who doesn't!?"

Then Dadashri explained to the children, "A king does not light the fireworks himself. His servants light them and the king watches. We are kings! So, whenever others set off fireworks, we can watch and enjoy. The one who has to light the fireworks is not able to enjoy them; he is always on edge."

That understanding clicked with both children to such an extent, that their desire to ask for fireworks completely disappeared!

You know, whenever Chilly doesn't get his own way and goes into a sulk, I appease him with a chilli ice cream.



But Dada never needed to hand over treats to appease people. He could make people forget their stubbornness by just giving them the right understanding!

The Gnani's Special Way

Dada used to have a construction business. This is an incident from around 1972 or 1973. Dada had won a contract from a company in Mumbai to build a jetty in Belapur.

Dada had offered the cheapest tender to build the jetty, at only 16 lakh rupees. The second cheapest tender after that was for 36 lakh rupees. There was a huge difference between Dada's tender and the next cheapest.

To make it possible for the jetty to be constructed at such a low price, the whole project was designed by Dada himself.

The company had already commissioned a design for the jetty from an architect in Europe. The company therefore had two sets of drawings to choose from – the European architect's design and Dada's design. The company needed to decide which of the two designs to go with.

After several discussions and meetings, the company eventually approved Dada's design. The whole jetty ended up being built according to Dada's drawings and specifications. Dada's design was the cheapest and the strongest. It was so

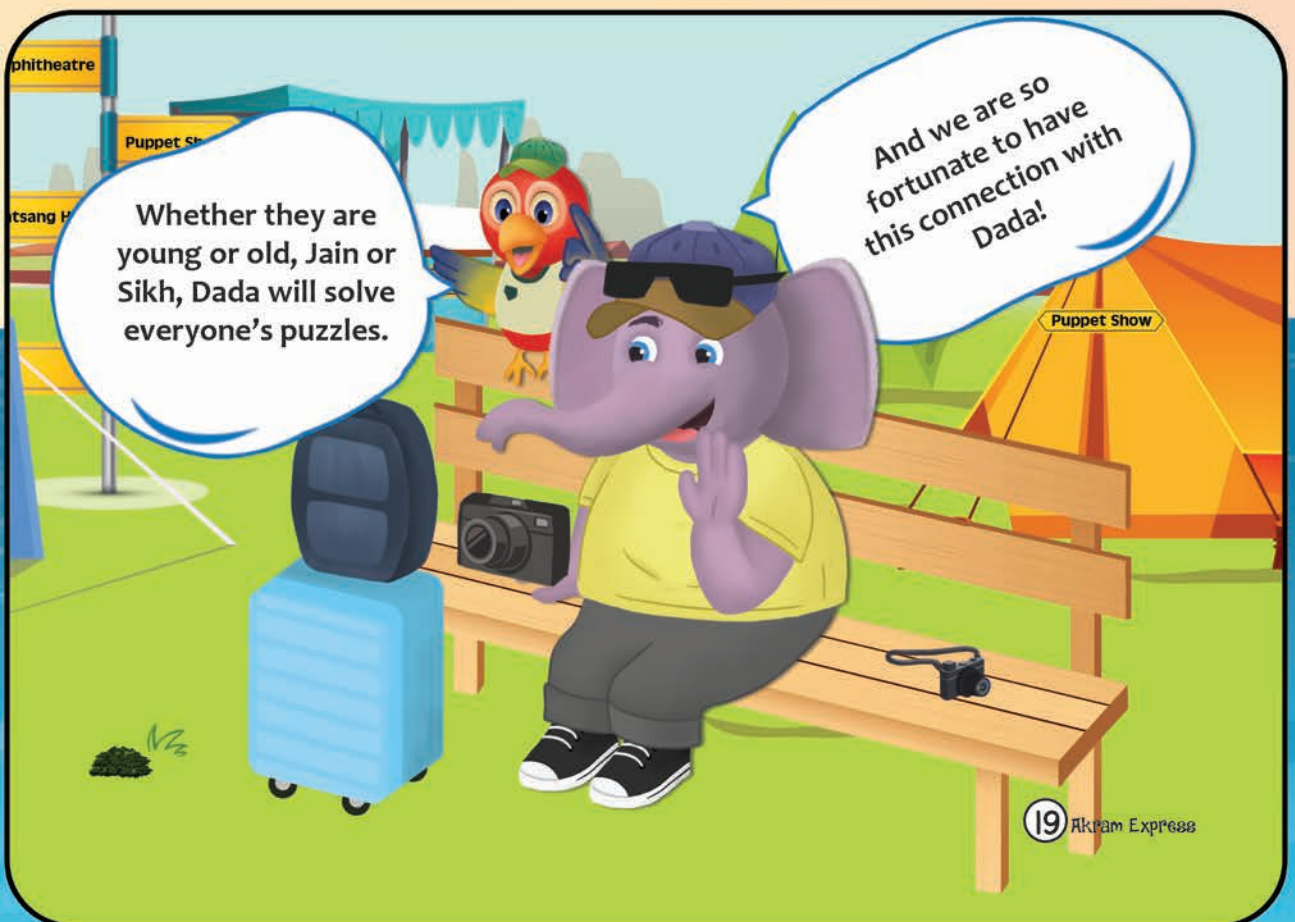


unique that the company framed the design drawing and hung it on the wall.

During the construction, a Sikh engineer from the company kept raising baseless objections and obstructing the work. The work had to be completed within a strict deadline, but he wouldn't listen to anyone. So, finally, Dada went to see him and put on a show of scolding him, as if acting in a drama (without feeling any real anger or dislike on the inside). The engineer was so affected by the telling-off that he had difficulty sleeping that night. Even when he finally fell asleep, he kept seeing Dada's face. The next day he accepted his mistake and contacted Dada. He invited Dada to come talk things out.

So, Dada went to his office again. This time Dada talked to the engineer kindly and placed his hand on his head. The engineer felt at ease and was satisfied. He did not create any problems after that. The jetty project was completed well.

The Gnani truly has a special way of untangling difficult situations!



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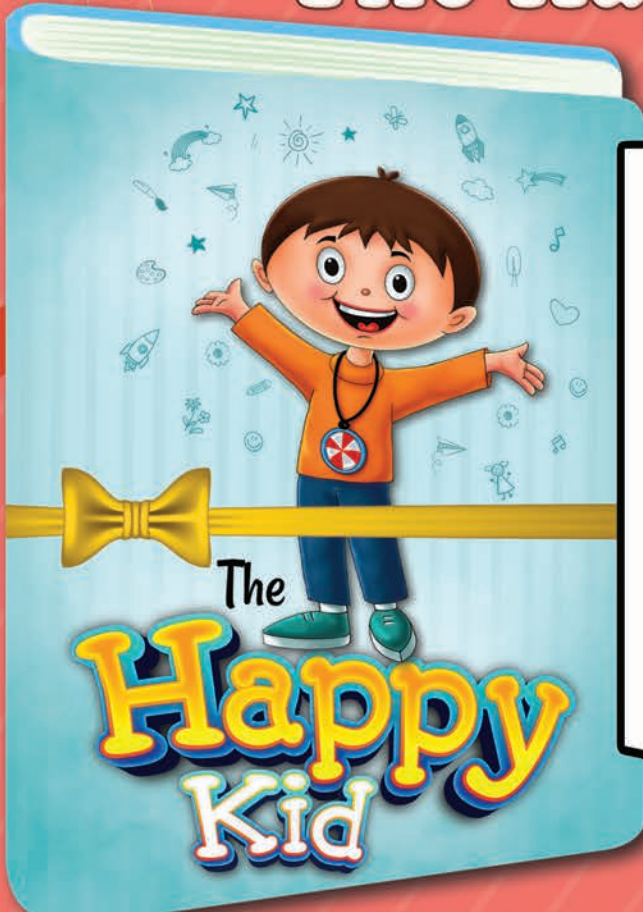
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