

The Story of Rama and Sita

Rama, the prince of Ayodhya, was married to Sita. She was the daughter of King Janaka. They lived happily together for twelve years. But, King Ravana, the demon king of Lanka, kidnapped Sita and took her to his kingdom.

Rama and his brother Lakshmana searched everywhere for Sita. They met Hanuman, the monkey god, who helped them reach Lanka. Rama fought a fierce battle against Ravana and finally killed him.

Sita was freed, but Ravana's sister, Surpanaka, had tried to allure (or attract) Rama and Lakshmana. Sita was worried that Rama might doubt her loyalty. So, she asked for a fire trial to prove her purity. Rama was heartbroken but agreed.

Sita emerged unhurt from the fire. Rama accepted her back. They returned to Ayodhya. Rama was crowned king. Sita was pregnant, but Rama sent her to the forest, as his subjects doubted her loyalty.

In the forest, Sita gave birth to twin sons, Luv and Kush. They grew up and eventually met Rama, who recognized them as his sons. Rama and Sita reunited again. Sita returned to Ayodhya.

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The monkey & the crocodile

Once, there was a Jamun tree on the bank of a river. It produces sweet and delicious jamun fruits throughout the year. The tree was also home to a monkey, Chimpu. He used to spend his time playing, jumping and eating the sweet fruits of the tree. One day, a crocodile named Kaalia swam out of the river to rest under the jamun tree. Upon seeing him, Chimpu greeted him as his guest and offered him some jamun. Kaalia loved them! Thanking him for his generosity, the crocodile bade him goodbye.

This became a regular thing. Kaalia started coming to the jamun tree every day, and they became good friends. They would spend time talking to each other while eating jamun. One day Kalia told Chimpu that he wanted to take some jamun to his wife to enjoy their heavenly taste. The monkey happily plucked some fruits and gave them to him.

Kaalia went home and gave the fruits to his wife. He also told her about his friendship with the monkey. She told her husband, if the fruits were so tasty, the monkey who eats them every day would be tastier.

Kaalia's wife asked him to bring the heart of the monkey. He tried to refuse, but she would just not listen. Kaalia devised a plan to trick the monkey. He went up to him and said that his wife loved the fruits so much she wanted to meet him. So the monkey hopped onto his friend's back and they swam across the river.

As soon as they entered the deeper ends of the river, Kaalia told Chimpu his real intention of killing him for his heart. He was very sorry but had to do so to please his wife.

The monkey was smart and stayed calm. He told his friend, that he should have mentioned this earlier. They would have to turn back, as the monkey hid his heart in the burrows of the jamun tree. The foolish crocodile believed him and they turned back towards the jamun tree. As soon as they got close to the tree, Chimpu jumped on to the tree and climbed to safety.

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The Story of Lord Ganesha

Ganesh, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, was a chubby and gentle boy. One day, Parvati created Ganesh from turmeric paste. She asked him to guard her door while she bathed.

Shiva, unaware of Ganesh's identity, beheaded him. Lord Shiva thought he was an intruder. Parvati was devastated and demanded that Shiva bring Ganesh back to life. Shiva replaced Ganesh's head with an elephant's head and revived him.

Ganesha loved sweets, especially modaks. Ganesha's vehicle is a mouse, which symbolizes the control of desires. Ganesha was once asked to write the Mahabharata. He completed it in one sitting.

Once lord shiva asked all GOD to take one round of whole earth. All God started their travel with help of their iternal power. But Ganesh was very smart, he took around of lord Shiva on mouse as his vehicle. From that day the whole universe worship him for his wisdom and intelligence.

Ganesh became the remover of obstacles and the god of wisdom, prosperity, and good fortune. He was loved by all, and his birthday, Ganesh Chaturthi, is still celebrated with great joy and fervor in India.

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The Vendor of Sweets

The story revolves around a sweet vendor named Jagan. Jagan used to sell sweets in the town of Malgudi. He is a hardworking and honest man who loves his son, Mali. Mali returns from the United States after completing his studies and is influenced by Western ideas. He wants his father to modernize the sweet shop and expand the business.

Jagan is hesitant to change his traditional ways, leading to a conflict between them. Mali eventually leaves his father's shop and starts his own modern sweet shop. Jagan is heartbroken but continues to run his shop traditionally.

Mali's shop was big, looking modern. Though the shop was big and looking bright, but the taste of the sweets are not as tasty that of Jagan. People goes to Jagan's store more often as compared to Mali.

In the end, Mali realizes the importance of tradition and the value of his father's sweet shop. It is the experience. Nothing compares to work experience when it comes to learning about any job requires. Jagan had 40 years of experience, where Mali was very less experience. Jagan had more experience than Mali. This was a kind of lesson for Mali, who realised one day.

He returns to his father's shop, and they reconcile.

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The Tortoise and the Geese

A tortoise named Kambugriva lived in a pond with his friends, a pair of geese named Sambara and Bindu. The geese would often fly to distant lands. They used to return with exciting stories of their adventures. Kambugriva was eager to explore beyond his pond, asked the geese to take him with them on their next journey.

The geese, amused by the tortoise's request, agreed to help him. But they couldn't figure out how to carry him, as he was too heavy for them to fly with. Kambugriva, determined to find a solution, suggested that they tie a stick to his legs and carry him between them, with each goose holding one end of the stick.

As they flew over a forest, a group of birds spotted the unusual sight. They started laughing and mocking the tortoise. "Look at that tortoise trying to fly!" Kambugriva, felt embarrassed. He asked the geese to drop him into a nearby river. He said he was happy. Kambugriva thought inside. He realised very soon that he also could view the land from top. The geese were flying, he was tied up with the stick. This was good idea.

The geese, impressed by the tortoise's quick thinking, praised his cleverness and released him into the river. Kambugriva swam away, happy to have experienced a new adventure and grateful for the geese's help.

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The Post Office

The story is related to a young boy named Raman. Raman is fascinated by the post office and its workings. He spends most of his days observing the postmaster, Mr. Subbiah, and the various customers who come to send and receive letters, parcels and other postal materials.

Raman is drawn to the post office because of his father. His father works in a distant town, sends him letters regularly. Raman eagerly awaits the arrival of these letters. He is delighted when he receives them.

One day, Raman's father announces that he will be coming home for a visit, and Raman is overjoyed. However, his excitement is short-lived, as his father falls ill and is unable to come.

Raman is heartbroken. Mr. Subbiah, the postmaster, notices his sadness. He offers him a job at the post office to sort letters and deliver them to the villagers. Raman is very happy and throws himself into the work. He finds support in the routine and the sense of purpose it gives him.

As Raman works at the post office, he learns about the importance of communication and the impact it has on people's lives. He also develops a deeper appreciation for his father's letters and the love and care that goes into writing them.

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Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra

The Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra is also known as the chariot festival. The festival is celebrated every year with much zeal and enthusiasm in Odisha and other parts of the country. Lakhs of devotees across the country and abroad reach Puri to take part in the festival. The Rath Yatra happens to be a 15-day long festival. The holy festival is held in Odisha's holy town of Puri. This festival marks the journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balbhadra and Goddess Subadhra from their actual abode (the Puri Jagannath Temple) to the Gundicha temple.

However, this time there was a question mark during covid year 2020. How would the Rath Yatra be conducted?

Eventually the Supreme Court allowed the world-famous Rath Yatra to be conducted in a restricted manner. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said his administration is fully prepared to manage the mega religious event. Three state ministers were given full charge for the smooth conduct of the festival.

The state government had imposed curfew in the city of Puri on the day of Rath Yatra. During this period no one was allowed to come out of their house. During the 10-day-long festival, no passenger train and private or public buses allowed to enter the Puri district.

On Rathyatra day, Idols of Lord Jagannath, Balbhadra and Subhadra were moved out of Jagannath temple and were seated on chariots. All participants who were part of the Yatra obeyed the COVID guidelines. Devotees pulled the three beautifully decorated giant chariots. The chariots are moved by 'sevayats' on the 'Bada Danda' road in Puri towards the Gundicha Temple.

People across India and the whole world sought blessings of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra. Everyone watched the live telecast of Ratha Yatra on TV.

The Story of J.K. Rowling

J.K. Rowling is a famous author. She is the writer of the Harry Potter series. Rowling was a single mother living on welfare benefits in Edinburgh, Scotland. She had always dreamed of becoming a writer. Her life was marked by difficulties, struggle and hardship.

Despite the challenges, Rowling began writing the first Harry Potter book in local cafes, as she didn't have a computer. She was not having a quiet place to work at home as well. When Rowling wrote the series, she approached many publisher across UK. She was rejected by twelve publishers before one finally agreed to publish her book.

The book became a huge success. The Harry Potter series went on to become one of the most popular book series of all time. The series is sold over 500 million copies worldwide. Rowling's success was not just about her writing talent, but also about her perseverance, determination, and willingness to learn from failure. She is now one of the most successful authors in the world, and her story inspires millions of people to pursue their dreams, no matter how impossible they may seem.

The moral of the story is that success is not final and failure is not disastrous: It is the courage to continue that counts. With hard work, determination, and a willingness to learn from failure, anyone can achieve success and make their dreams a reality.

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A MORNING WALK

We know that sleep, rest and exercise are essential for health. Walking is, in fact, the best form of exercise. So, a regular morning walk is very useful. It provides exercise to the body and freshness to the mind.

Benefits of Morning Walk

A morning walk exercises many parts of the body- legs, arms, waist and chest. Fresh air goes into the body and improves the working of the lungs. It increases appetite and regulates digestion. As a result, we feel active as well as fit.

Brisk walk is also good for our health. Morning walk makes us and our mind peaceful so we can do our work with full enthusiasm and self - confidence. Everyday walking will lose our weight and remain fit. By this walk if we do regularly we will not get any diseases and can be healthy for longer days. It gives a boost self-control and happy mood. Besides making u cheerful. Science is also proving that morning walk is very good for our health and our body will be fresh and becoming healthy day by day. So there are many more reasons that morning walk is a very good exercise and to be fit.

A morning walk is refreshing too. The cool morning breeze is very embracing. It recreates the mind and gives new energy to the body for the day's work.

Jake, a 13 year old boy's experience of morning walk "I wake up at 6 am and go out for a morning walk. I go along with my brother and sister. We also take our dog, Bhaloo with us. Soon, we enter the park nearby. The nature is at her best. Birds chirp sweet songs and dew drops on leaves and blades of grass look like pearls. There are a large number of people walking inside the park. The golden rays of the sun lend golden colour to the lake.

After a few rounds around the lake, in the park, it is time for us to return home. We have a brisk walk back home. We feel quite active and refreshed. Soon we start getting ready for the day.

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A Small write-up on Village

Life in a village is friendly, simple and easy. People in the villages have more scope for natural air, water and food. This may not be expected in the cities. The people in village seem to be happy in the village. But the poor people often lead miserable life. Life in a village is almost calm and quiet. Most of the village people are easy going and co-operative. One comes to other's help.

People in villages keep themselves busy with works. Men look after the work outside and women perform their domestic work. Fresh vegetables, fish, fruits, etc. are available and cheap in village. Though most of the people in village lead a very simple life they are not to be away from enjoying different cultural programs like jatra, jari, sari, kirtan and many other items of entertainment. Generally, the celebrations are quite plain and simple. But the aged of them do not attend the functions. They are happy with their house and harvest. The village people lead the life of plain living and high thinking. They think high, because they think in the terms of God and religion.

The village mosque maintains their social and moral upkeep. Most of the village people get up from early in the morning and perform their work before the sun sets. Village life is tranquil and enjoyable despite few problems. Many people prefer village life only for its healthier environment.

As we are well aware that India is the land of villages. And many people are living in the villages. The progress of India depends on the improvement of living conditions in villages. The villages have been neglected for a long time. And, the villages of India are places, where there is insanitation, poverty, wants, and diseases.

Now a days the roads and lens of villages are much improved. Peoples of villages are totally dependent upon the agriculture. If there are no crops, they do not have food to eat. And from the independence of our country, the government has been launching many schemes for the improvement and development of the villages.

On comparison to town and city, villages are more comfortable to live. There is pollution, and noise in the city but not in the villages.

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The Pot of WISDOM

Emperor Akbar asked Birbal to bring him a pot that would make him wise. Birbal agreed and brought a small pot filled with water. Akbar was puzzled and asked Birbal how this pot would make him wise.

Birbal replied, "Your Majesty, this pot has the power to reveal the truth. Whenever you speak the truth, the water level will rise, and whenever you speak a lie, the water level will fall."

Akbar was fascinated and decided to test the pot. He asked his courtiers to bring him the most beautiful woman in the kingdom. When the woman arrived, Akbar asked her, "Am I the most handsome man in the kingdom?"

The woman replied, "No, Your Majesty." The water level in the pot fell.

Akbar asked again, "Am I the most powerful man in the kingdom?" The woman replied, "Yes, Your Majesty." The water level in the pot rose.

Akbar realized that the pot was indeed magical and would reveal the truth. He asked Birbal how it worked. Birbal smiled and said, "The pot doesn't have any magic, Your Majesty. It's just that when you speak the truth, your voice becomes confident and clear, causing the water to rise. When you speak a lie, your voice becomes hesitant and unclear, causing the water to fall."

Akbar was impressed with Birbal's wisdom and said, "Birbal, you are the real pot of wisdom."

This story showcases Birbal's creativity and ability to teach valuable lessons to Emperor Akbar.

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THE EDGE

Raman, a young boy, lived in Malgudi with his mother. He was fascinated by the edge of the town, where the streets ended and the countryside began. Raman felt an intense desire to explore beyond the edge, to see what lay beyond the familiar surroundings.

One day, Raman decided to venture beyond the edge. He walked for hours, feeling a mix of excitement and fear. As the sun began to set, Raman reached a small village, where he met an old man who offered him food and shelter.

The old man told Raman stories about the world beyond Malgudi, sparking Raman's imagination. Raman realized that there was a whole world waiting to be explored, beyond the edge of his town.

As Raman returned home, he felt changed, with a newfound appreciation for the world beyond his familiar surroundings.

The story explores Raman's journey of self-discovery and the human desire to explore and discover new things.

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The Tale of the Three Calendars

King Vikramaditya (Bikram) was challenged by the ghost Betal to bring him a human being without being seen or speaking. If Bikram succeeded, Betal would remain with him forever. If he failed, Betal would kill him.

Bikram accepted the challenge and set out to find a victim. He came across three calendars (beggars) who were blind, deaf, and dumb, respectively. Bikram thought it would be easy to take one of them without being detected.

As he approached the blind calendar, he accidentally stepped on a branch, alerting the deaf calendar. The deaf calendar alerted the dumb calendar through gestures. The dumb calendar, sensing danger, began to pray to the goddess Kali.

Bikram, fascinated by the goddess's power, decided to wait and observe. The goddess appeared and told the calendars that she would protect them. She also revealed that the calendars were actually three princes cursed by a sage for their misdeeds.

Bikram, moved by their story, decided to spare their lives and return to Betal. Betal was impressed by Bikram's mercy and told him the story of the three calendars. Bikram realized that the challenge was actually a test of his character.

Betal vanished, but reappeared the next night, starting a new tale. And so, the cycle continued, with Bikram and Betal engaging in a series of thrilling adventures and moral lessons.

This story showcases Bikram's bravery, intelligence, and compassion, as well as Betal's mischievous and storytelling nature.

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