

The Awakening of Budhiya...

The Story of How Jagdishpur
Became an Ideal Village...





Till now you have read how Sameer, an educated local youth currently living in a city, took the cudgels to eradicate the illiteracy and orthodoxy prevalent in Jagdishpur. He arranged a visit to Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant for Budhiya, Nanhe, Parvati, Misri and other villagers so that the misconceptions and apprehensions about nuclear energy could be removed. After visiting Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant, all the questions and doubts in the minds of Budhiya, Nanhe, Parvati and Misri were removed to a great extent. After visiting the nuclear power plant, they were brimming with enthusiasm and excitement in their hearts and the picture of their village's development began taking shape in their minds.

So let's see whether the village of Jagdishpur could change; whether prosperity and progress prevailed there, and whether Budhia and his other village friends could change at last.

Come, let's enjoy this wonderful change...



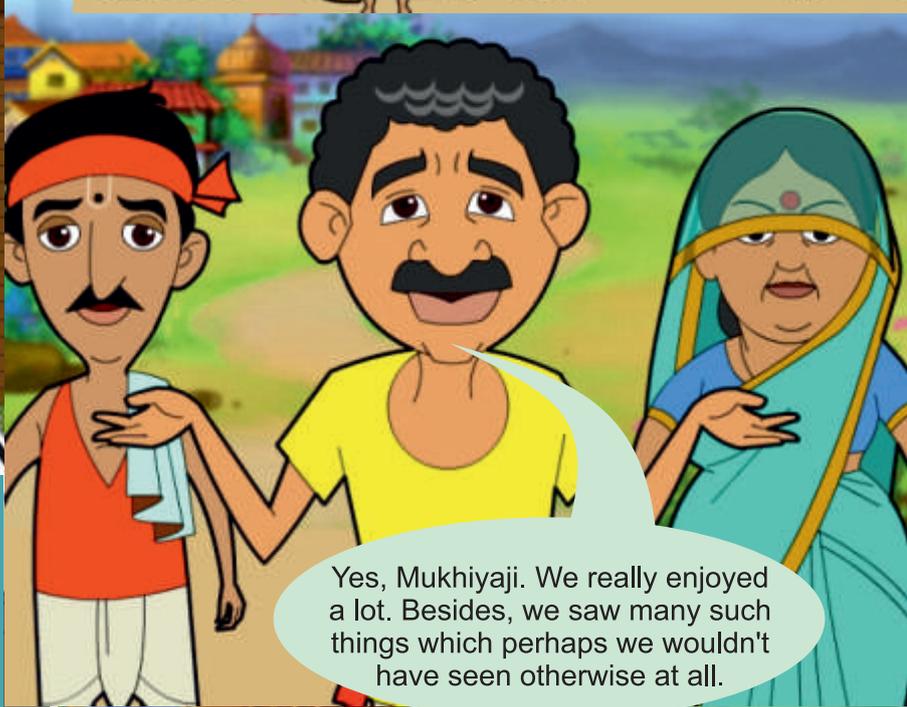
After visiting Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant, all the villagers along with Sameer go to Mukhiyajji's house the next day.



Good morning, Mukhiyajji!



Oh! Good morning! Very good morning! Come on in and sit... Well, how was your tour? How do you feel after visiting the nuclear power plant? Your happy faces are telling that you all enjoyed it a lot... Isn't it so, Budhiya?



Yes, Mukhiyajji. We really enjoyed a lot. Besides, we saw many such things which perhaps we wouldn't have seen otherwise at all.



Yes, Mukhiyajji. It all became possible because of our son Sameer... If he had not taken us for this visit, then we would have never known the benefits of nuclear energy.

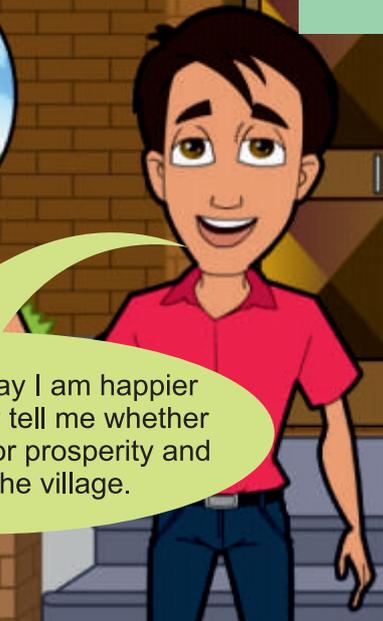
Indeed, the pure green atmosphere around the nuclear power plant was so beautiful that we really did not want to come back from there.



Yes, Mukhiyaji.... And what development is, how a village can progress, how the lifestyles of villagers can change – all this we would have never known... We got the opportunity to see all this thanks to our son Sameer.



Oh no, aunty... Rather I should be thankful to you all for listening to me with such open mindedness and agreeing to visit the power plant.



Believe me... Today I am happier than you all... Now tell me whether you all are ready for prosperity and progress of the village.



Yes, Yes. We all are ready...



So, will a nuclear power plant be built in our village?



Definitely. All of you get ready for this... (ha...ha...ha...). But Sameer, how will all this happen?



Yes... Yes... How will all this happen?



So, nothing will happen till then?



Now, leave all that to me, Grandpa. Last year, the government decided to build a nuclear power plant near our village Jagdishpur. The terrain around our village is very suitable for establishing a nuclear power plant... We have to just wait for the arrival of their officers.



Oh no, uncle... I will talk to the officers of the nuclear power plant and ask them to visit our village... It could take some time... But things will be fine... I will go to the city tomorrow and will return in a few days... Till then, goodbye to you all...



God bless you, son.

OK, grandpa... Now I have to leave... Very soon we will meet again.





God bless you, son... (After that, Sameer goes back to his town and all the villagers to their homes, with dreams of future in their heart.)



And after a few days...
Trin-Trin.... Trin-Trin... Trin-Trin

Oh, who is this? Who is calling so early in the morning?



Hello, Grandpa... Good morning. I am Sameer... How are you?



Oh, Sameer! God bless you, son.... I am absolutely fine... And tell me how things are in the town.



Everything is fine here, grandpa. Just have to give you good news. I have passed my engineering exams and also, now I have a job in a big company.



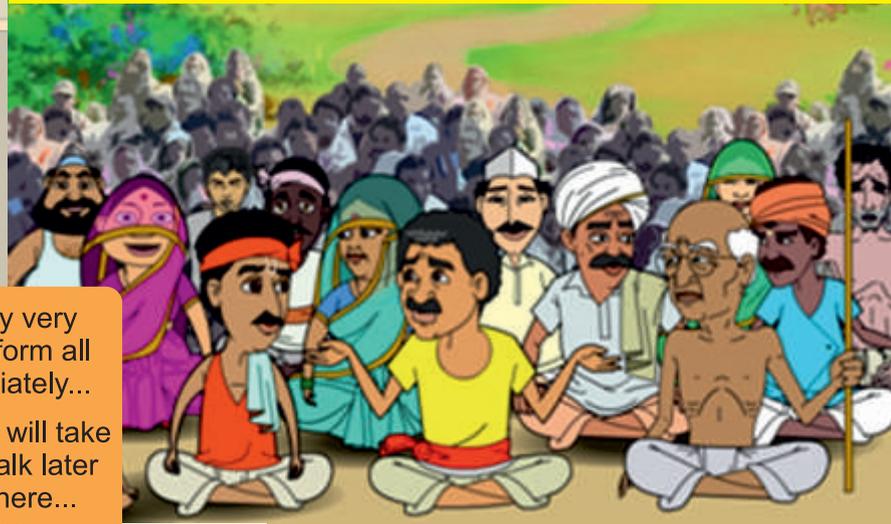
Very good! Really, it is very pleasant news. If your parents were alive today, then they would have really been very proud of you.



Grandpa, you are no less than a parent to me... And yes, one more thing... Next week, officers from the Department of Atomic Energy are coming to our village to do a survey for nuclear power plant... You all be ready... If possible, I will also join you.



Great! This is really very good news. I will inform all the villagers immediately...
OK grandpa... Now I will take leave of you... Will talk later when I will reach there...
Goodbye, grandpa...
May God bless you, son.



Greetings to you all! We all have come here from the Department of Atomic Energy. The government has decided to build a nuclear power plant in the neighbourhood of your village... We have all come here for this purpose...



Oh... Please come, sir... You all are welcome in the Jagdishpur village. Oh, bring the chairs...
(They all sit down on the chairs.)



Yes, sir. Please tell us. How can we all villagers help you?



See, my name is Jiwan Kumar. And these are my colleagues, Pramod, Sawarkar, Kishor and Navin...
See, Mukhiyaji. Based on studies conducted over several years, the region around your village has been found suitable for building a nuclear power plant... From the geographical point of view, this place is absolutely safe from earthquakes and tsunamis. Besides, the livelihood of the local people will not be really affected, since the land here is less fertile... Indeed, the people whose land is acquired by the government for the power plant will get adequate compensation...



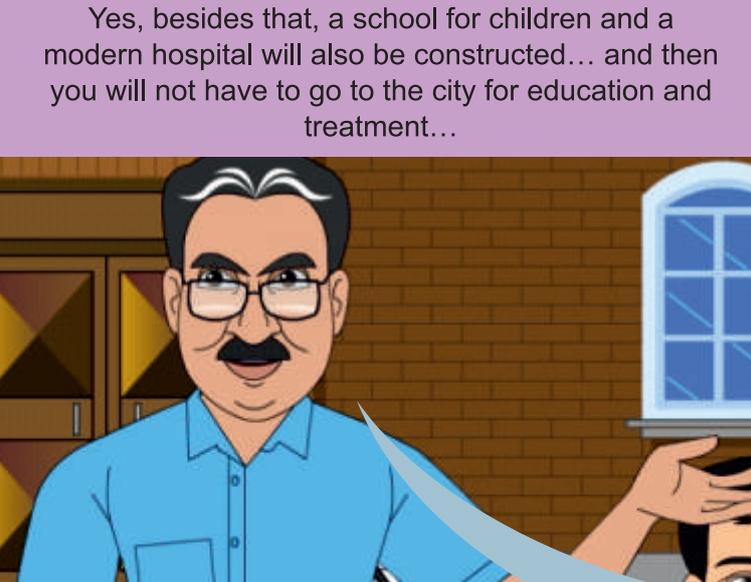
And Mukhiyaji... the construction of nuclear power plant will also bring development to the village... metaled roads, drainage, proper arrangement for drinking water, toilets will be constructed... which will make your life better...



Yes. Besides that, many opportunities of employment will become available to the village youths who are unemployed despite being educated, and they will be given preference in recruitment based on their qualification.



Moreover, your village as well as all the surrounding villages will get sufficient electricity, so that tube wells can be used for irrigating your farms and thus your crop yields will increase significantly...



Yes, besides that, a school for children and a modern hospital will also be constructed... and then you will not have to go to the city for education and treatment...



All we need is cooperation from all of you, so that we can start our work at the earliest...



Oh yes, Sameer... I remember him. He was the person who asked us to meet you all... It had just slipped from my mind...

Anyway, next time he will be meeting us... Now we are leaving and will meet you again... Goodbye... (After that, the villagers and Mukhiyaji discuss amongst themselves.)

(After a few days... people are gathered at the Mukhiyaji's house... Again 2-3 cars arrive at the village and some people alight from them... and arrive at the Mukhiyaji's house....)

This is really fortunate for all of us ... We, all the villagers, are with you... You can start the work as soon as possible... You will give all the cooperation from us... And next time, I will introduce you to my grandson Sameer, too.



Good day, Mukhiyaji... how are you?



Oh, please come, sir... We all are fine...



Mukhiyaji, this time Tehsildar sahib (the District Collector) has also come with us to take the details of your land... You all are requested to furnish the complete details of your lands to him.



Fine, Sir... Please give me some time. I will call all the people here, and then you can take the details from them...



Alright, Mukhiyaji...

(After that, all the villagers gather at Mukhiyaji 's house and give the details of their lands to Tehsildar.)

OK, Tehsildar sahib, your work has been done...



Thanks a lot, Mukhiyaji.



Alright, Mukhiyaji, now we have to leave and will meet you after some time... We have to go to other villages too and do the same work... We will meet after around one month...



Good day, Sir.



(One month has passed and after that, a team of officers comes to the village, and they all go to Mukhiyaji's house...)

Good day, Mukhiyaji... How are you...?



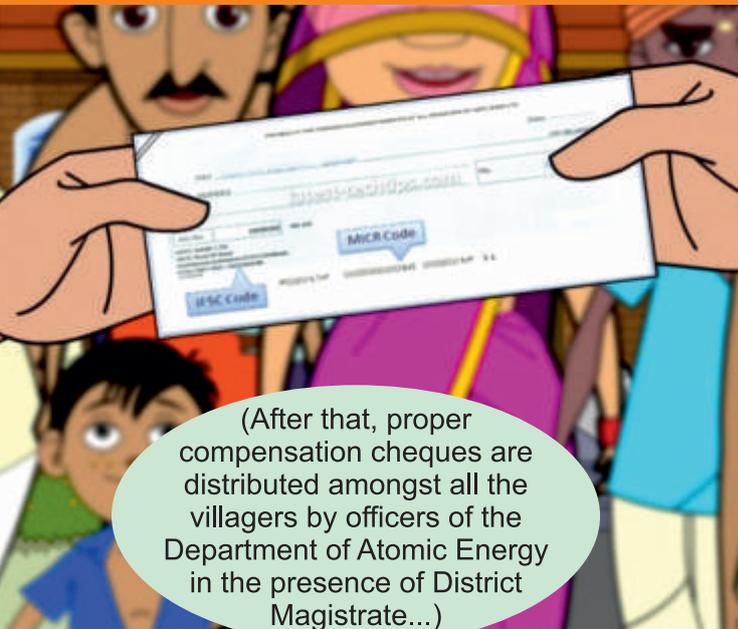
Good day, Sir... Please come... I am very pleased to see you all... Please tell me what we can do for you...



Mukhiyaji... We have gathered the complete details of the lands of your people and based on that, compensation for all of you has been decided. Now we will give you all adequate compensation for the land so that the legal procedure can be over at the earliest and work can be started here.



Very good! This is very good news. Whatever you want to do, whichever the way, we are all ready...



(After that, proper compensation cheques are distributed amongst all the villagers by officers of the Department of Atomic Energy in the presence of District Magistrate...)

Mukhiyaji, on the behalf of the Department of Atomic Energy, we heartily thank you and the people of your village, who have acted very judiciously and have helped in the government project. I congratulate all of you...

We will begin our work in a few days... We request all the people in the village to please come to the inauguration so you all can be partners in the progress of our nation.



Why not, sir? We all will definitely come.
Budhiya, what do you say?



Yes, Mukhiyaji. It is certainly a thing of pride for all of us... We all will be present there...
(After distribution of the compensation cheques, officers leave and after a few days, work begins on the site.)



A scene of the site:
(People, officers,
labors, villagers, huge
cranes, bricks, stones,
sand, rods etc.)





Oh, Sir! It will be an honour for all of us...
Come Budhiya, you lay the first stone on
behalf of all the villagers.



Come, come! You all are welcome at the site.
Mukhiyaji, it is our wish that first stone of the
site construction be laid by you all...



Oh No! No, no...
I can't do this...



Oh uncle, don't hesitate... it's alright... It will
be a great pleasure and pride for you...

(Budhiya agrees with Sameer and as soon as
he goes for laying the stone, a loud voice is
heard... "Stop... Stop this work. No work will
be done. All of you go away from here...")



Oh Nathu, Lakhan, Damru! All of you, all of a sudden! Today, how come all of you are here from Shikarpur, and why are you making so much noise?



Brother Budhiya. This is not right. We won't let the nuclear power plant come up here.



Yes Budhiya! No power plant will be constructed here... even if we have to sacrifice our lives for it.



Yes, yes. If a power plant is erected here, then radiation will spread to our fields, granaries, our houses, everywhere... and we all will die due to cancer and others diseases caused due to radiation...



Yes, yes... We all will die...
No work will be done... You all leave from here...



Brothers, please calm down... Nothing of this sort will ever happen... It is just all your superstitions...



Then a person having an ideologically different opinion about nuclear energy comes forward and shouts at Mukhiyaji.

Shut up, Mukhiyaji! I am also a resident of this area... What do you know about all these ? You all are illiterate, simpleton, uneducated... What do you know about all these thing ? Do you know how much harmful radiation coming out from nuclear power plant is?

After that, people from some social welfare organizations also join the fray.
He is absolutely right... We don't want any electricity... The whole area will be destroyed by radiation... We all will fully oppose it... Isn't it so, brothers?



Yes, yes.... Why not? Whatever may happen... We won't let the nuclear power plant come up over here... From tomorrow, we all will sit here in protest...



Please calm down... Please listen to me carefully... Please, all people maintain orderliness...

Friends, from your talks, it appears that these persons and these social welfare organizations have not told you the true facts... Hence, you all have come to protest here, motivated by their false claims... I ask you Lakhan uncle... what do you really know about radiation?

Nathu uncle... what do you know whether there are any harmful effects of nuclear power plants?

And you Damru... You have come here along with them to protest, leaving your studies... You are a science student... It doesn't feel good hearing such things coming from you...



Yes, yes! These people don't want power plant...
So you don't come in their way...

Shut up, boy.
Nobody will be fooled by your crap... Go away from here...



Who are you to care for their welfare? It is our and their village. Let them take the decision about what is right and what is wrong? For so many years, we were misguided by your sweet-sounding sermons and ended up resisting development... Today, its only result is that we have remained backward...

And Lakhan uncle... You are protesting? Don't you know that last year aunty's cancer was treated by this very radiation in the city hospital? Today, aunty is living a healthy life only because of the healing radiation...



And Nathu uncle, if X-Ray machine had not existed, then two year ago no one would have known of the fracture in your leg... If you had not received that treatment on time, would have you been standing here?

Even today, there are thousands of people in our villages who die for





the want of proper medication on time... Thousands of children remain uneducated for the want of good education in the villages and are unable to do anything with their lives.

Even today, thousands of people fall prey to serious diseases like diarrhea due to lack of clean drinking water facilities in our villages... and they lose their lives... Even today, rain water enters our house for the want of metaled roads and drains... and hundreds of people die due to all types of diseases like cholera, malaria etc.

Till today, nobody has paid any attention to it... For last 60-65 years, we all are suffering from this negative mentality... Whenever there is any talk of development in the village... whenever there is any ray of light seen... persons like you and social organizations jump in... and mislead the people...

I ask you what did you get during all these years? Just have a look upon yourselves...

What is your condition... There is no electricity in the village... children can't study... food can't be prepared after sunset... crops can't be irrigated in the fields... You can't purchase good quality seeds or afford technological resources due to poverty... Is this the life you want? Are you cherishing these dreams for your children? Today, when someone has come here for your development, you all stand up to protest against him...

What will you all get by protesting? Just ponder a little about the future of your children... Today, the whole world is thinking about colonizing the Moon and we people in Jagdishpur and Shikarpur are not able to lead a good life even on the Earth? Don't you feel that we all are responsible for this?



Shut your mouth, kid. We have seen many like you... Nothing fruitful will happen from your empty arguments. We will develop this village. We promise the prosperity and development of these villages.

People don't want promises; they want results. If the world could be run on promises only, then it was fine. I ask you what have you done for us during the last 60-65 years? Every time you just make promises and every time you block the development by misleading the people.

And it is only you who had opposed the setting up of a cloth factory here by a big industrialist. At that time also you misled the people by your sweet misleading



speeches. Today, if that factory were here, then just think how many people would have been employed there. Today, the living standard of all of us villagers would have risen... Today that factory has been built in another village due to your protest... Go and see the improved conditions in that village. The luck of the whole village has really changed...

Hence, words of progress and development don't suit your mouth... Today, villagers have awakened... This time, you can't befool us.



Shut up.

What Sameer is telling us is absolutely right...

We all are fools, who were going to make this blunder misguided by you.



It will be better if you and your associates along with the social organizations go away from here... otherwise it won't be good for you... Isn't it so, brothers? Yes, yes... All of you go away...

(After seeing the anger of the people, persons having ideologically different opinions about nuclear energy and social organizations leave from there one by one...)

And Lakhan uncle, I must tell you one more thing about nuclear energy... that no radiation is emitted from a nuclear power plant... the electricity generated from it is very economical and obviously 'healthy.' Besides, the surrounding environment is also very beautiful and healthy... and I am not telling it baselessly... We all had visited Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant some days ago... and we saw all this ourselves... Hence, you should just relax... Everything is fine... Isn't it so, Budhiya uncle?



Yes Lakhan. Sameer is telling the truth... A few months ago, even we too talked like you and others villager, due to ignorance and superstitions. God bless Sameer, who has opened our eyes.

Well said, Budhia. Every village needs a son like Sameer, who can open our eyes.
Well done, son... God bless you, son...
(After that, the people of Shikarpur leave from there.)



Wow! Sameer, we are proud of you. You handled this problem very effectively. Really, you deserve congratulations...

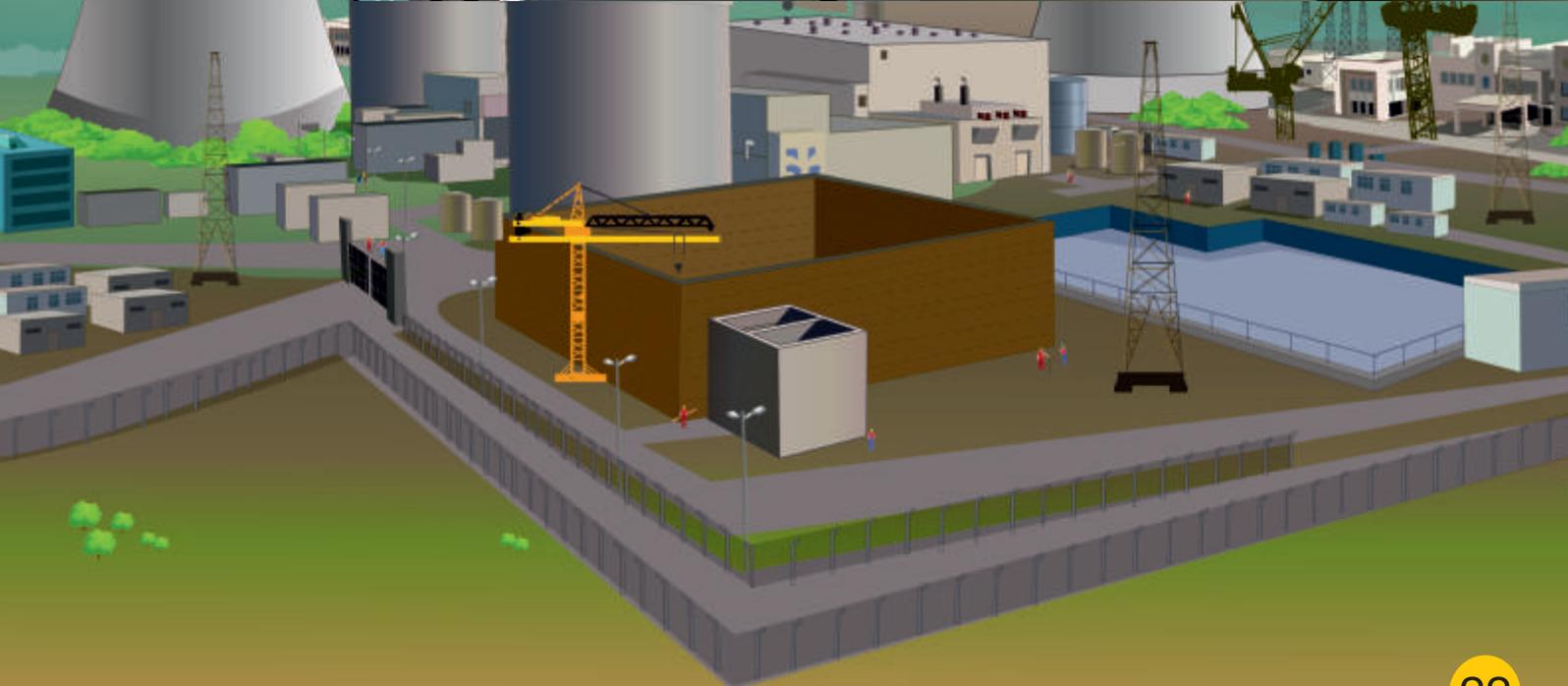
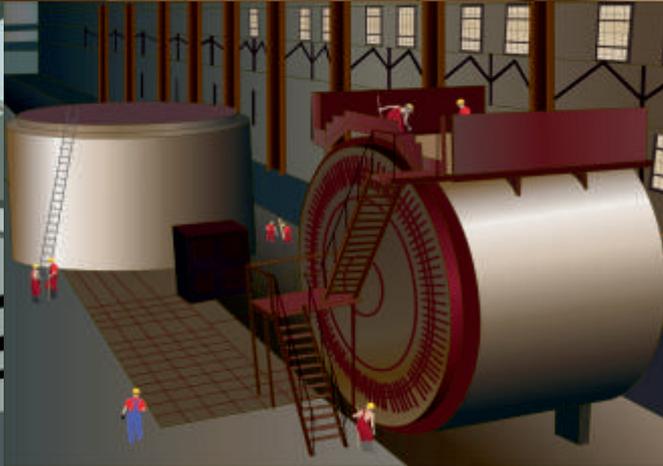
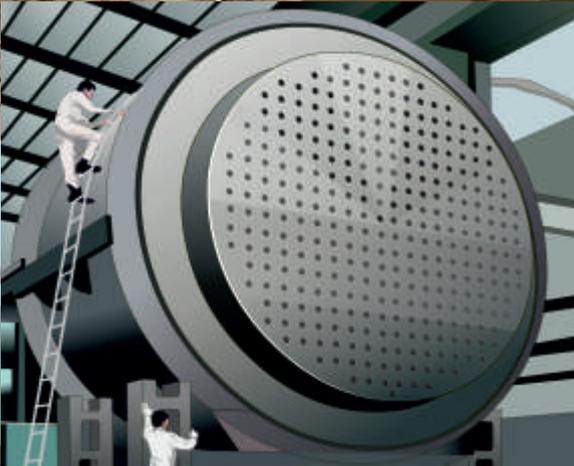
After that, Budhia lays down the first stone and everyone claps in appreciation and thanks each other with sweets... And then, the nuclear power plant comes up gradually in a few years.



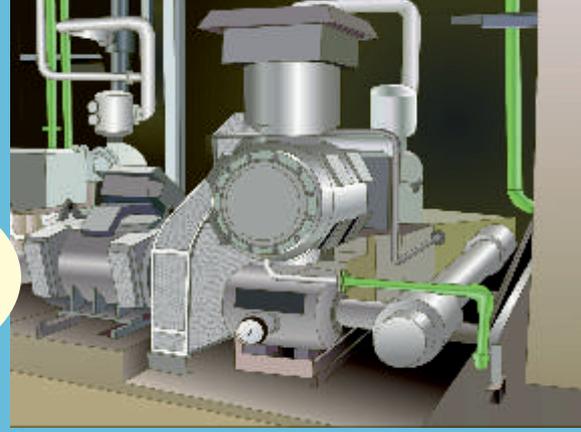
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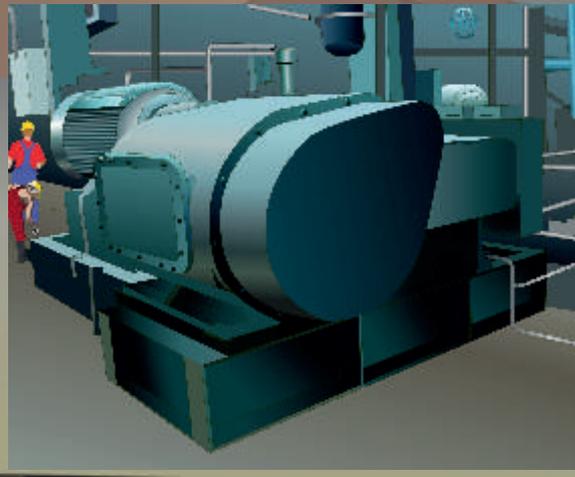
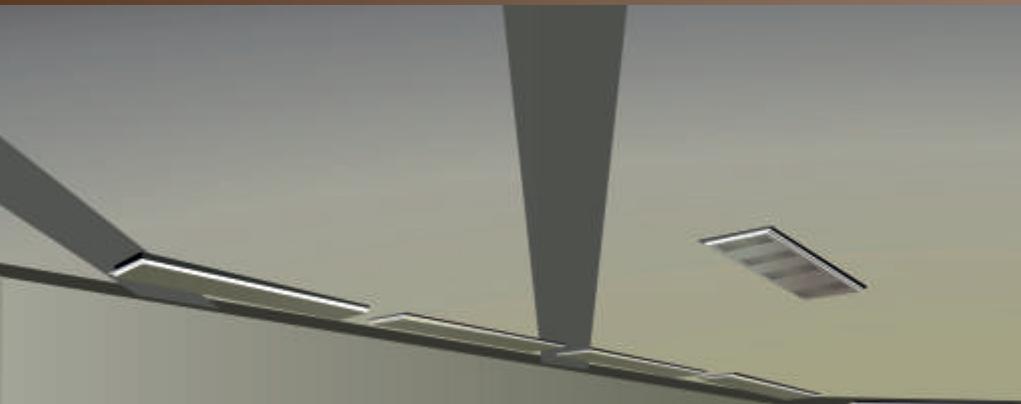
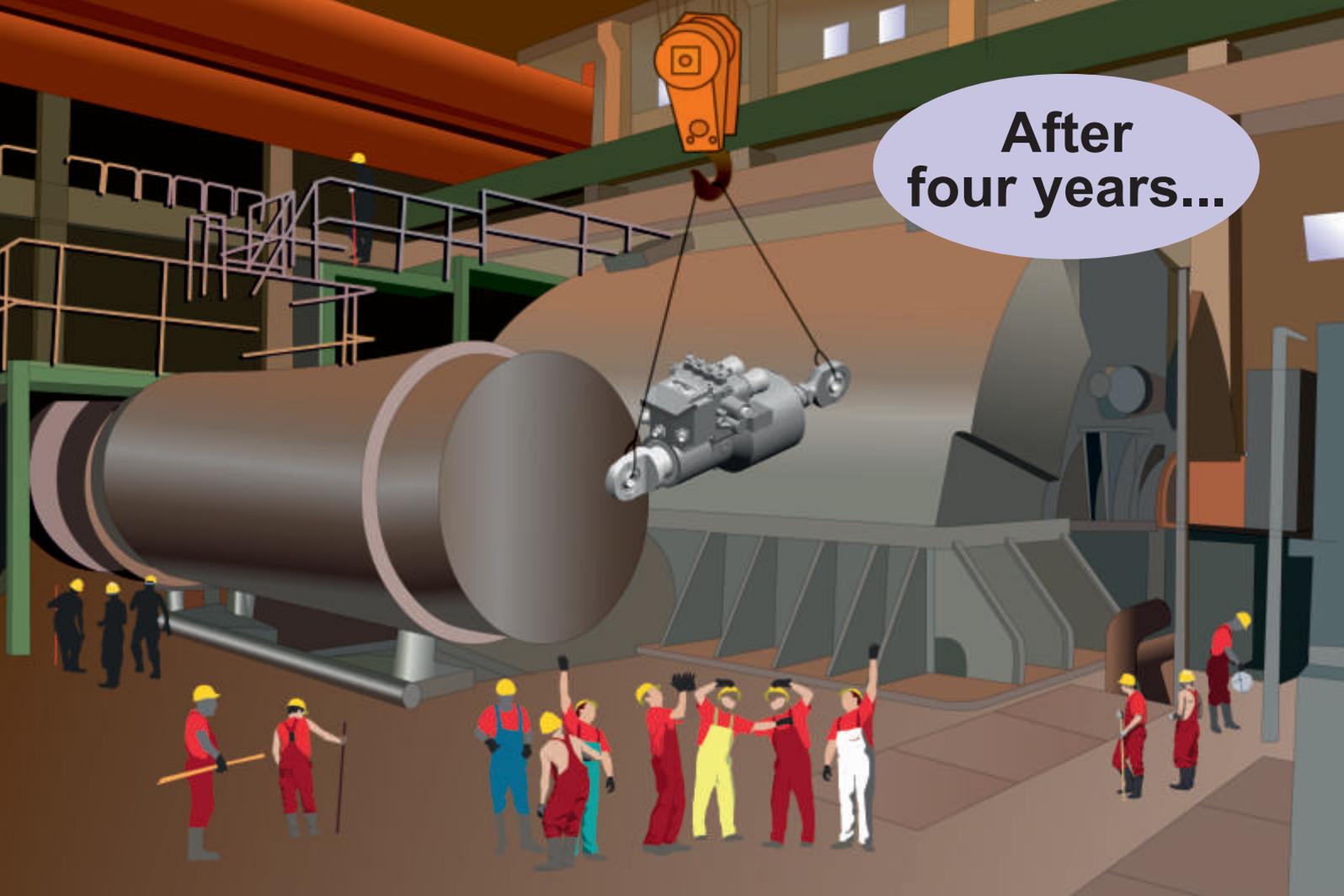
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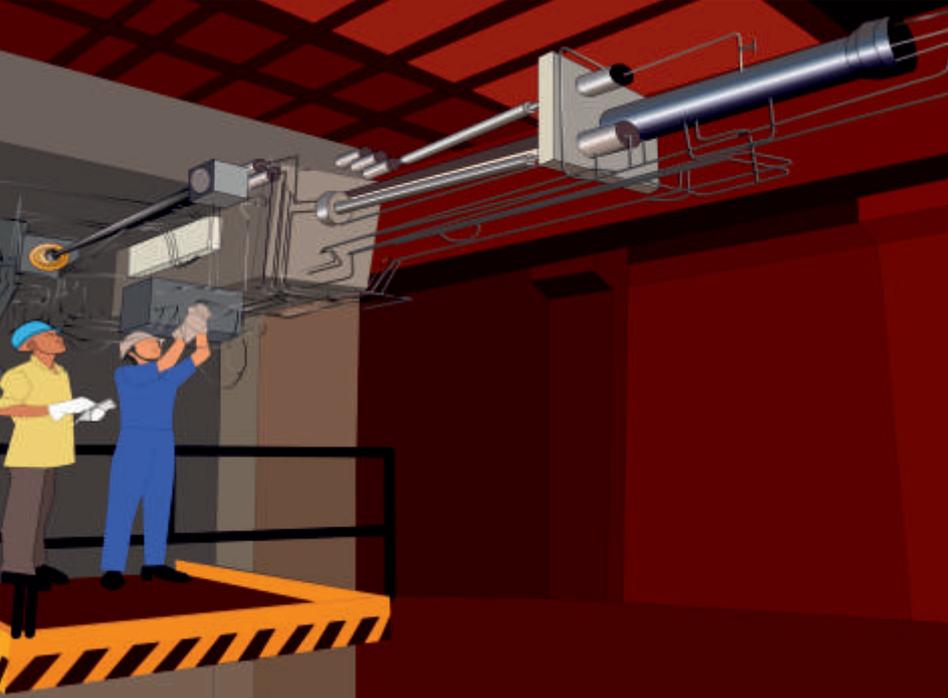
After three years...



After four years...



After five years...



(And after five years, nuclear power plant is ready in the village of Jagdishpur... and finally the inauguration day arrives... that day all the villagers arrive for the inauguration ceremony...)



And then...



Jagdishpur Nuclear P



Power Plant





All of you people are heartily welcome. It is only the result of your prudence and understanding that construction of Atomic power plant in this village became possible despite all the ignorant protests. You all deserve congratulations for this, especially Sameer ji.

It is a great pleasure for all of us that our village will progress and prosper after the construction of the nuclear power plant. The electricity will be available round-the-clock in our village. For this, we all are very grateful to you.



(After that, Mukhiyaji cuts the inauguration ribbon and all people happily enter in nuclear power plant.)

Jagdishpur Nuclear Power Plant



(And after that, one day, construction projects begin in the village too and within 2 years, village Jagdishpur is completely changed.)

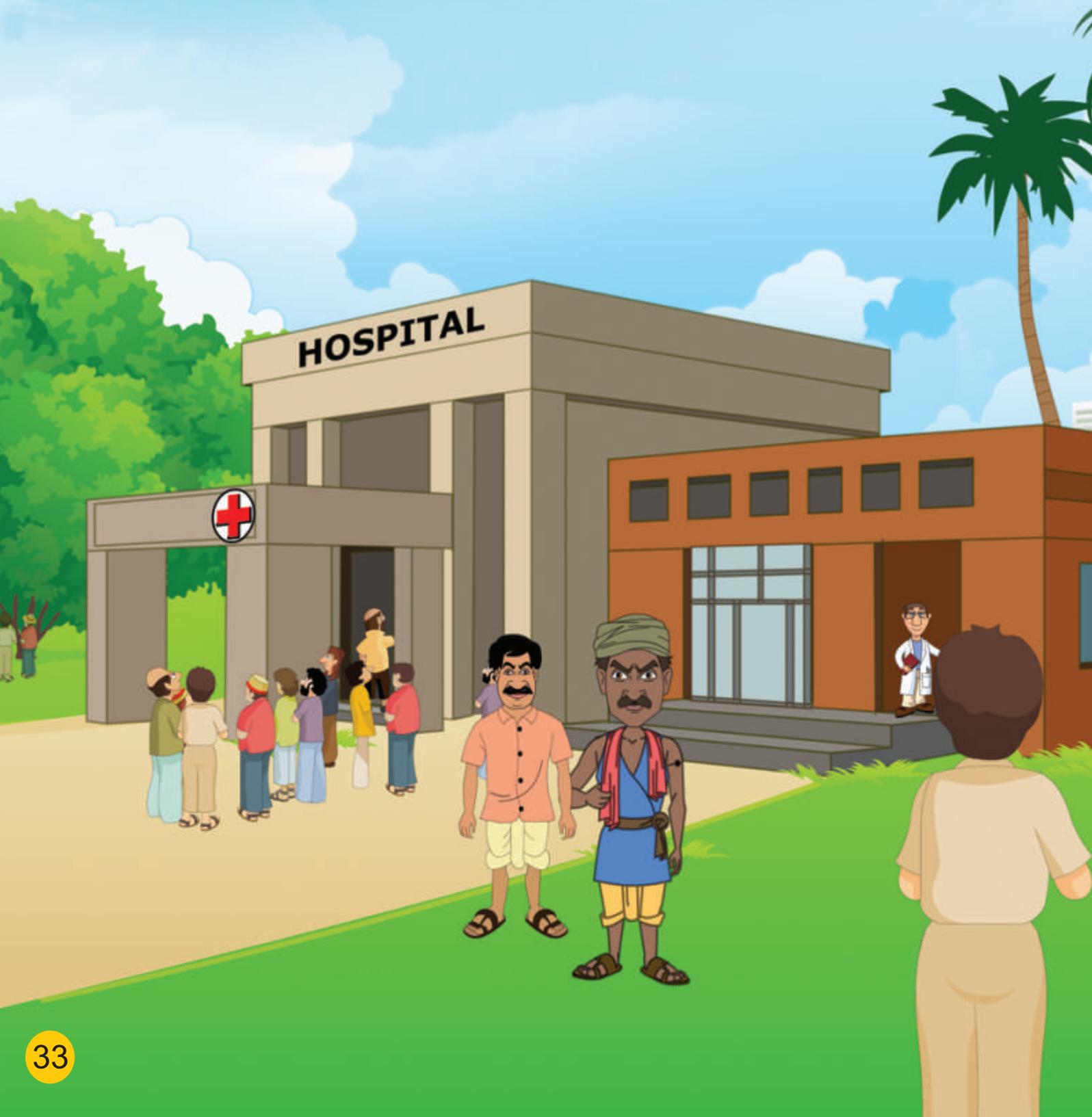
A glimpse of constructed community centre



A glimpse of
constructed
school



A glimpse of
constructed
hospital...



And one day...

Father,
I got a job in the
nuclear power plant.



What? What are you saying, son? It is very good news. I am going out to tell everyone...
(Similarly, many people get jobs in the Jagdishpur Nuclear Power Plant based on their qualification...)

(And after a few years, prosperity flourishes from all sides in that village and joy of the villagers is endless... Tears of happiness flow from villagers' eyes on seeing all this progress and development... and the living standards of everyone have improved a lot...)



And then in the end...

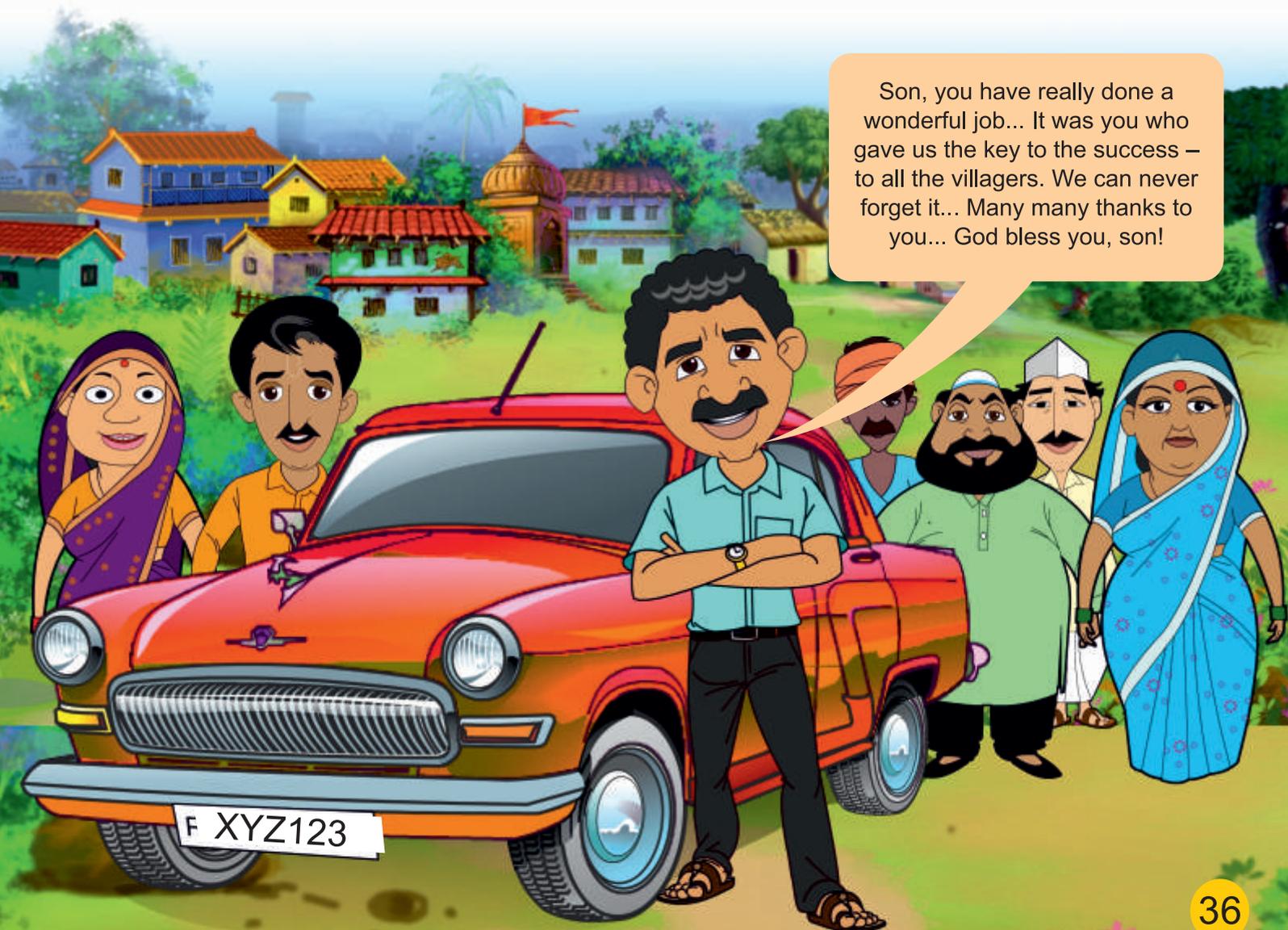
After a few years...



Wow, Budhia uncle! You have changed completely... New shirt, new pant, new car... Wow, what a luxury...

Wow, Misri aunty! Your house had a thatched roof? Today, it is shining! Parvati aunty, now you must be enjoying the life in this village...

What about you, Nanhe uncle... Aren't you happy?



Son, you have really done a wonderful job... It was you who gave us the key to the success – to all the villagers. We can never forget it... Many many thanks to you... God bless you, son!

At Misri's house

Many many thanks to you.



Yes son, we are very happy. Many many thanks to you, indeed.



Thus, village Jagdishpur becomes a prosperous village in a very short span of time and becomes a motivating force for other villages.

The End!

- Friends, did you see that there are Budhiya and Jagdishpur village in every corner of India, where lack of knowledge and superstitions still prevails. The need of the hour is that we all take a lesson from this story and make an unflinching pledge that we will follow the path of progress and make our country prosperous...
- History is a testimony to the fact that whenever anybody invented a new thing, then there always were criticisms from some people, whether it was Newton or Einstein; whether it was James Watts or Thomas Alva Edison... In the beginning, everybody laughed at them and discouraged them. But they took this challenge positively, and today their gifts to this world are those unique things that have changed the whole world. Hence, we should take inspiration from them, so that we can follow them.

And friends!

- If you really have to protest, then protest against ignorance, protest against superstitions, protest against orthodoxy, protest against injustice, but do not protest against progress, development and prosperity...
- Let's all take the pledge that we will not waver in any circumstance... whatever circumstances they may be... we will not hesitate... we will pave the way for our country's development and progress, no matter what...
- And now I will move to another such village... to show the right way to some other Budhia and villagers like these...

Now it is your turn.....

Jai Hind.

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