



**Education for all**



In a village there was a boy who lived with his family. His family consisted of his grandparents, mother and sister. Both the siblings were studying together in the same school.



One day while his mother was doing household work, she asked his sister to stay at home. That is when the boy asked “Mother, why isn’t Didi coming to school today?” Mother answered by saying that “there is a lot of work at home today so your sister won’t be going to school.” A few days passed post this incident.



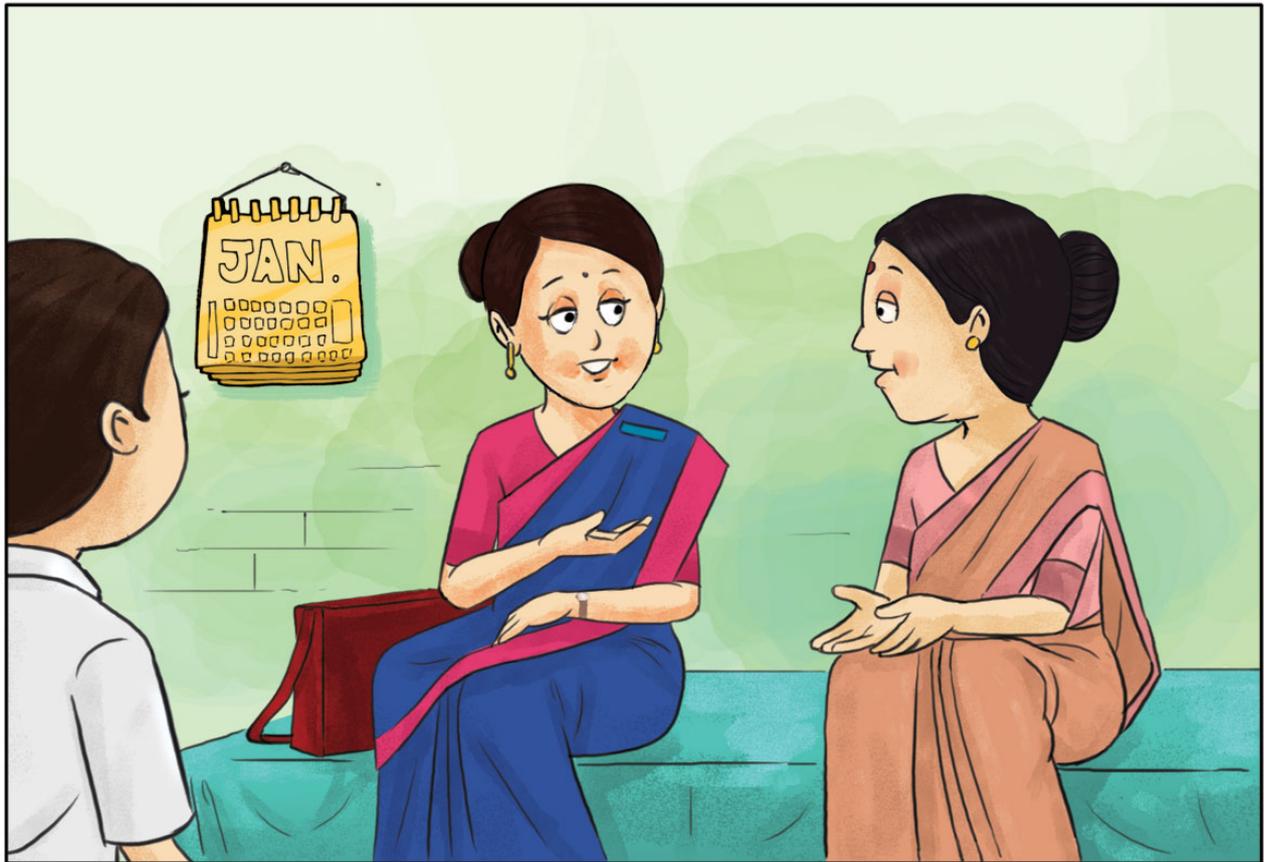
One day, the boy again asked his mother, “Mother, why is my sister not coming to school?” The mother replied by saying “son, you go to school, what will your sister do even if she gets educated?” The boy felt sad, yet made his way to the school.



One fine day, the teacher at school inquired “son, you come to school daily, but why doesn’t your sister come to school?” The boy answered the teacher by telling her what his mother had said i.e., “what will your sister do even if she gets educated?” After listening to what the boy had said, the teacher said “son, please tell your mother to come tomorrow and speak with me.”



When the boy narrated the entire incident to his mother, the mother answered by saying that she doesn't have enough time to go visit the school. The very next day, the boy told the teacher the entire episode and that is when the teacher herself visited the boy's place.



After visiting their place, the teacher explained to the boy's mother how important it is for boys to get educated. It is, however, important for girls to get educated, too. If a girl reads well and gets educated, she can take care of her entire family really well.



The mother understood what the teacher had explained, and from then onwards she started sending her daughter back to school. After watching both the siblings go to school, everyone from their village started sending their kids to school too, and that is when the village changed for good.