

The King Who Did Not Know Much



Once upon a time, there lived a king called Shalivan who was very brave. King Shalivan had one problem, he never studied, so he did not know much. He did not even know Sanskrit, the court language of that time.



One hot summer day, the king and his many queens were playing in the pond in the garden. One of his queens did not like water being splashed on her, so she told the king in Sanskrit,

"Ma Modhakaihi puraya!"

which meant,

"Don't sprinkle water!".



The king did not understand what she said and thought that the queen wanted to eat laddus. He asked the servants to get laddus and kept on splashing water on her. The queen began laughing, and the sound of soft giggles spread all over the court as everyone was laughing. No one dared to laugh aloud, as they were scared of the king.



Hearing this, the king was angry and walked off in a rage. In his room, he managed to calm down. He realized that people were laughing at him because he did not know Sanskrit. From that day, the king began studying, worked hard, and soon became very learned. The goddess of knowledge was pleased with him.



King Shalivan wrote many important and famous books, which are now popular for their knowledge.



If you study
hard, you can
learn anything.

