

## **STORY TO READ- 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### **Title: The Day Everything Changed**

In a modest neighbourhood of Varanasi lived a small family whose life revolved around quiet routines and unspoken hopes. Kamlesh Prasad, a soft-spoken man in his mid-fifties, worked tirelessly as a clerk in a small trading firm. His income was modest, yet he carried his responsibilities with remarkable diligence and quiet fortitude. His two children, Megha, twenty-eight, and Manish, twenty-three, however, had not yet developed the same seriousness about life.

Megha worked as a junior teacher in a private school. The job provided little remuneration, and although she attended classes regularly, her attitude toward the profession lacked genuine commitment. Manish, who had completed his BBA, spent most of his days in uncertainty. He discussed business plans with friends and spoke about future opportunities, yet those conversations rarely moved beyond casual speculation.

Kamlesh Prasad never criticised them harshly. Instead, he believed that time would eventually bring maturity and clarity.

Then one winter evening, life took an unexpected turn.

Kamlesh Prasad returned home visibly exhausted and began coughing persistently.

Within a few days his health deteriorated, and the family rushed him to a hospital. After several tests the doctor spoke with quiet seriousness. Kamlesh Prasad had tuberculosis, and strict medical care with complete rest was necessary.

The news created a sudden sense of urgency in the household.

For Megha and Manish, the situation felt like a powerful realisation. Their father, who had always been the family's strongest pillar, could no longer leave his bed. Medical expenses increased, and the family's only source of income disappeared.

That evening Megha sat beside her father and silently reflected on her own complacency.

Manish stood near the window, understanding that their casual approach toward life could no longer continue.

The next morning marked the beginning of a transformation.

Megha resolved to prepare seriously for the government teacher eligibility examination, while Manish decided to attempt competitive banking exams, including SBI PO. Their days soon followed a disciplined routine filled with study, careful analysis, and unwavering perseverance.

Mornings began with newspaper reading and vocabulary revision. Afternoons were devoted to subject preparation, and evenings were spent solving mock tests and reviewing mistakes. At night they took turns caring for their father,

ensuring that his medicines were taken regularly.

The journey demanded patience and steady determination, but gradually their confidence grew.

Exactly one year later, the results were announced.

Megha qualified for a government school teaching position, and Manish cleared the examination to become an SBI Probationary Officer.

When Kamlesh Prasad heard the news, his eyes filled with quiet pride. What had once appeared to be a period of hardship had ultimately awakened responsibility and purpose in his children.

Sometimes adversity becomes the very force that transforms hesitation into achievement.

— Kinjal Ma'am ✨

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## Exam-Level Words Used in the Story

1. Diligence

2. Fortitude

3.Remuneration

4.Commitment

5.Speculation

6.Maturity

7.Urgency

8.Complacency

9.Analysis

10. Perseverance

Vocabulary from the Story with Hindi

Meanings

1. Diligence – careful and hardworking effort

– परिश्रम / मेहनत

2. Fortitude – mental strength in facing

difficulty – धैर्य / साहस

3. Remuneration – payment for work done –

पारिश्रमिक / वेतन

4. Commitment – strong dedication to a task

– प्रतिबद्धता / समर्पण

5. Speculation – forming ideas without firm

evidence – अनुमान / अटकल

6. Maturity – state of being mentally

developed and responsible – परिपक्वता  
/ समझदारी

7. Urgency – the need for immediate action –

तत्कालता / अत्यावश्यकता

8. Complacency – self-satisfaction that

prevents improvement – आत्मसंतोष /  
लापरवाही से संतुष्टि

9. Analysis – detailed examination of

something – विश्लेषण

10. Perseverance – continued effort despite

difficulties – दृढ़ता / निरंतर प्रयास

