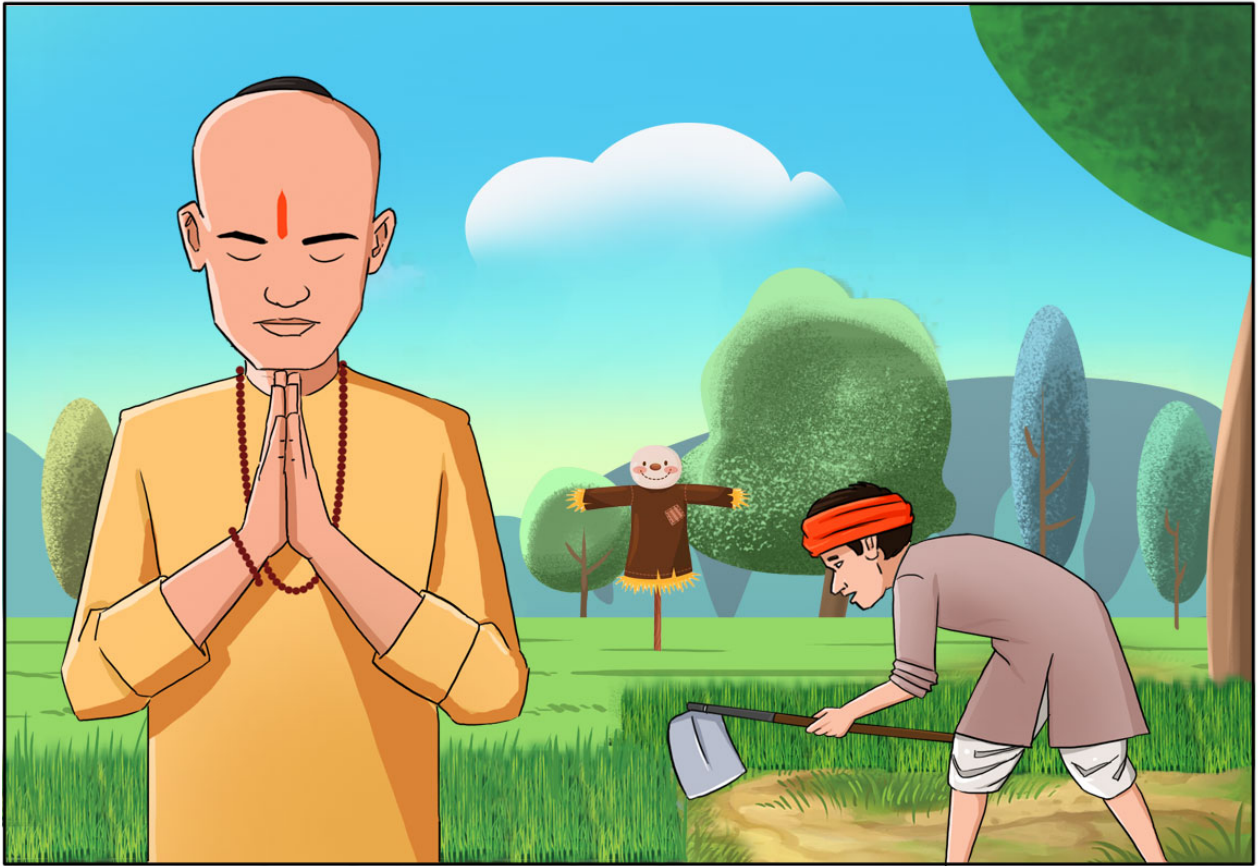




Hard work pays off



Two friends named Ghanshyam and Om lived in a village. Ghanshyam was a firm-believer of God and worshipped the almighty a lot, while Om used to focus on his work. They once bought an acre of land and decided to use it for farming. The money that they earned by selling their produce once it got harvested would then be used to build a house. Om spent most of his time working at the farm while Ghanshyam was busy worshipping the lord.



Crops were ready and were harvested and sold in the market. Om said "I should be getting more than what Ghanshyam is getting since I have worked harder." On the other hand Ghanshyam said "I have also prayed day and night and that is why the crops have turned out well."



The argument between the two got heated so they reached out to the village Chief. The Chief heard the entire conversation and gave each one of them one sack of rice with pebbles mixed in them. He told them to come back tomorrow when he would roll out his decision.



Om started cleaning up the rice from the pebbles with his full dedication. He even stayed up the whole night to finish the task at hand while Ghanshyam only prayed to God.



The next morning, the Chief asked both of them to put their rice sacks in front of him. Om had cleaned up more than half of the rice given to him while Ghanshyam on being questioned, answered by saying “I prayed to God, rice must be clean.”



On being checked the entire sack of rice was the same and that was when the village Chief rolled out his decision by saying - "It is only hard work that pays off in the end. Being completely dependant upon God will not help complete the task. Therefore, Om has worked harder, and that is why he should be paid more."