

THE STORY OF A LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS A KEEN OBSERVER

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Bajranj Lal and his wife Rachna live in a small village in Hanumangarh. They are farmers and spend most of their time working on their fields. Bajranj had studied up to class eight and had big dreams for his little daughter Nancy. He was keen to educate her and give her a better life. However the burden of tending to the various agricultural chores gave him little time for his daughter. Worried that his daughter would not receive proper grooming he decided to enroll her in the close by Government school.

So one day in early July 2018 he landed up in the Government Primary School 4MOD excited that his daughter would start going to school, for he had made up his mind to enroll her. However this was not to be. Nancy was just five years old and the Principal refused to admit her. Bajranj was hugely disappointed but did not lose heart. He did not give up and appealed to the Principal and the class teacher to allow Nancy to sit in the class without enrolling her. He shared his current situation with them and also his concern for his daughter's future and his resolve to give her a better life. He felt entering school would be a step in that direction. It would expose his daughter to the

world of education and help her grow into, and absorb the requirements of schooling. He felt familiarizing her with the school and classroom setup would lead to a level of comfort which would come handy later on. Impressed with the fathers involvement with his daughter and his perseverance the Principal and class teacher agreed to let Nancy sit in the OELP class.

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