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Foreword

The Katha Project, collecting stories from children and turning them into illustrated storybooks, helps promote volunteerism and social responsibility among young readers. *A Little More Green*, based on a story by 14-year-old Malavika Manoj, is a delightful tale that reinforces the importance of environmentalism. It is crucial for us to plant more trees - especially for young people: after all, it is the children of today who will spend their lives in the environment we leave them. We should learn from Chikku and Chinnu, wise beyond their years, and nurture our saplings so that they may grow tall in the future. I wish the Katha Project all the best, and I look forward to the marvelous stories to come.

Dr. Shashi Tharoor
Member of Parliament
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In a small village, there lived two sisters. So strong was their bond that they did everything together.





Meet Chikku, who is six years old, extremely curious and loves learning new things. Her mind is always full of questions!



Chinnu, who is twelve years old, is Chikku's elder sister and is very concerned about the environment. She is ever so patient and is always there to clear her little sister's doubts.



One day, Chikku
woke up very late in
the morning.

Akka!
Akka....!



She quickly got
ready and rushed
downstairs in
search of Chinnu.

Chikku searched for Chinnu all around the house but she was nowhere to be seen.



Finally, after searching the whole house, Chikku found Chinnu, who was doing something in their front yard.



Chikku was really curious to know what Chinnu was doing in the yard!



I am planting a
seed in the
ground, Chikku.



For the next
two days,
Chinnu watered
the plants gently
while Chikku
observed her.



Chikku observed the spot where the seed was planted for the next few days.



It had been three days since Chinnu had planted the seed but nothing had happened. Chikku's excitement was being tested to the limit.





But the next morning when Chikku looked out of the window, she saw something different and exciting.





Akka,
look a tiny little
seedling.

Akka, just like you did, I want to plant trees too. Will you teach me?

Yes Chikku, sure!



Chinnu very happily agreed to teach Chikku how to plant a seed. Chikku followed all the steps very carefully as Chinnu explained them to her.

First, you have to choose a spot where you want your tree to grow and dig the soil there to make a small hole.



Then you take a few seeds of your favourite tree and place it inside the hole.

Now cover the seeds with soil
and fill the hole back again.



Finally pour some water over the
soil. Remember, you have to water
the plant every day.

Initially, the plant might seem very small and fragile, but with consistent care and nurturing, the sapling will slowly grow into a big, strong and beautiful tree.





After the seed sprouts and starts growing, you have to water it regularly and nurture it.

Akka, but why
do we plant
trees?

Chikku, trees are
very important to us.
They help us in so
many ways!



Trees give us
shade on sunny days,
purify the air around us
and give us clean and
fresh air to breathe.



Trees give us food in
the form of fruits and
vegetables.



A large portion of
our daily food
comes from trees
itself.



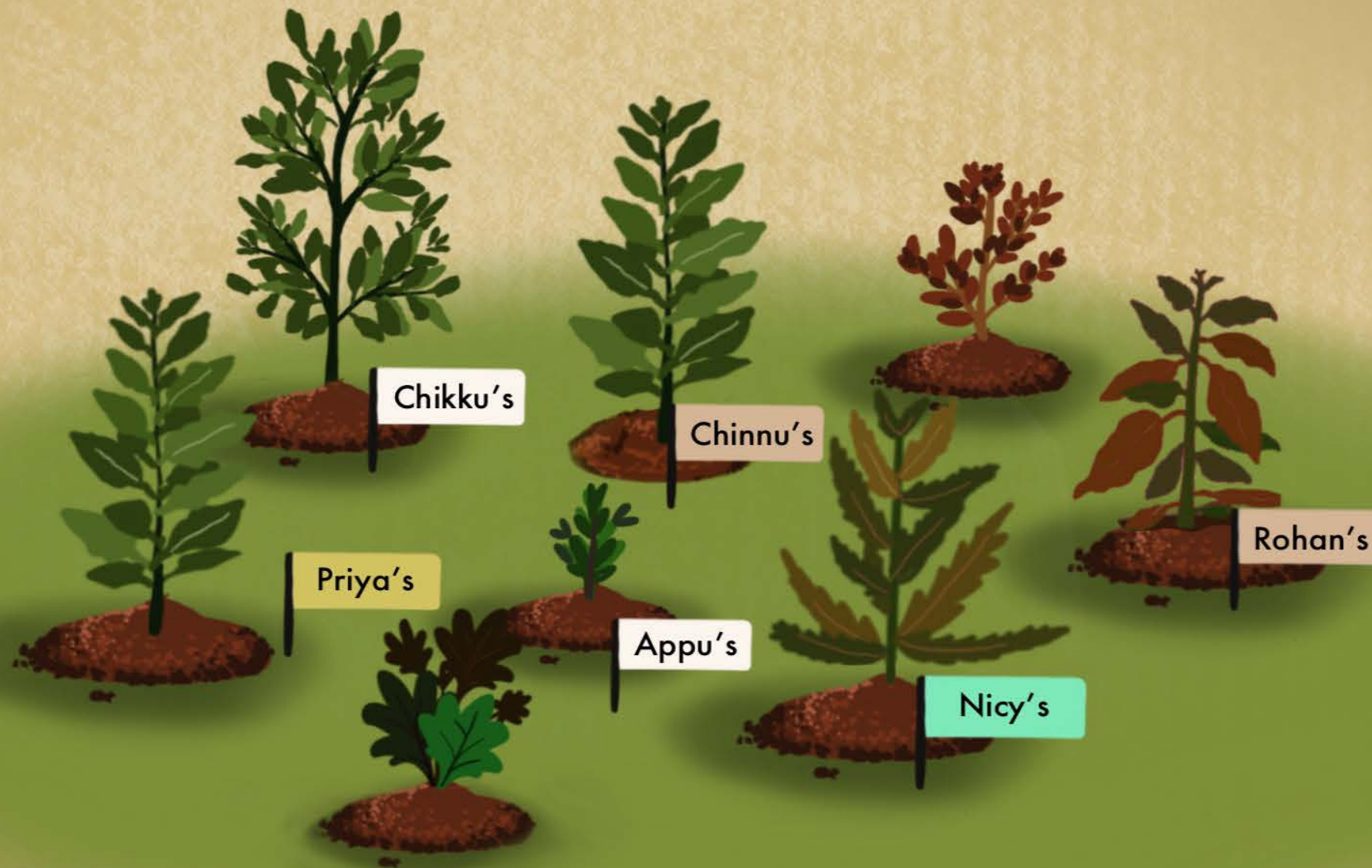
Trees are a home to so many different birds and animals. By planting trees, not only do we help ourselves, but all those birds and animals which are dependent on trees.





Akka, so more plants means
more food, more shade,
better air and a bigger home
for animals and birds right?
Wow! This is all so
wonderful. I am going to tell
my friends too!

Chikku told all her friends, the process of planting trees, and all of them came together and planted seeds of their favourite plants on the village ground, watered them daily and nurtured them properly. Over the years their tiny little saplings would grow into a beautiful forest that the entire village would cherish.



Dear little friends, I learned how to plant a seed in four easy steps and also understood why we should plant trees. I had lots of fun learning and doing this. I hope you do the same, share what you learned with your family and friends and contribute to our environment. Have lots of fun!



Fun Time!

Do you want to see how Chikku's plant looked after she nurtured it for a while? Join the dots and see for yourself! Do colour it later on to make it more beautiful. Have fun!



360 Degree is a registered nonprofit organization that is creating young leaders from within our student communities by promoting volunteerism.

The Katha project was initiated with the goal of helping children read and nurture their creativity. Through the illustrated stories, we aim to teach them about volunteering and helping the society and the world around us. The Katha Project is a part of the Gift A Story campaign by 360 Degree that focuses on building libraries for kids. All funds raised from the Katha Project go towards this cause.

