

## The Tale of the River Keeper :-

In a small village nestled amidst lush valleys, lived a young man named Arun. He was known for his carefree spirit, always ready for adventure and laughter. But Arun's life took a dramatic turn when his grand-father, the revered Riverkeeper, passed away, leaving behind a legacy of protecting the lifeblood of their community - the sacred River Ganga. The villagers looked at Arun with a mix of hope and apprehension. The responsibility of the Riverkeeper was immense, it meant not only safeguarding the river's purity but also ensuring the prosperity of the village that relied on its water for sustenance. Arun, though hesitant at first, accepted the mantle, vowing to honor his grandfather's legacy. Initially, the role felt easy. Arun enjoyed the reverence given to him and the picturesque walks along the river bank. However, as the seasons changed, he began to notice that the water was not clear. Arun confronted elders, urging them to acknowledge the problem. But they dismissed his concerns, claiming the river could handle a little pollution. Disheartened, Arun almost gave in to the pressure, thinking that maybe the responsibility was too much for him. Yet he remembered his grandfather's words "A river is like life: if you

don't nurture it, it will wither away". Determined to act, Arun started small. He organised clean up drives, teaching children about the ecosystem of rivers. One day a severe drought hit the region. The river already weakened by pollution. Panic set and the villagers finally understood the consequence of their neglect. After months of arduous work, the river started to recover. The water became clearer and the village could once again rely on the river's bounty. Arun, once a carefree man has transformed to a responsible guardian.

Moral: The story of Arun teaches us that responsibility is not just about taking on a role, but also about actively caring for the well-being of the community.



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