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POORVI-VIII

UNIT-1 : WIT AND WISDOM

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CHAPTER

The Wit that Won Hearts

SUMMARY IN ENGLISH

The Vijayanagara Empire, under the reign of Krishnadeva Raya (1509–1529 CE), witnessed a golden era of cultural brilliance. A skilled warrior and celebrated poet, Krishnadeva Raya supported literature and the arts. His court was home to the famous *Ashtadiggajas*, including the witty poet Tenali Ramakrishna, known for his sharp humour and clever solutions.

A notable incident occurred when the King had a quarrel with his queen, Thirumalambal. Misunderstanding her repeated yawns during the recital of his poem, the King felt insulted and distanced himself from her. Deeply troubled, the queen sought help from Tenali Rama. Rama devised a plan to subtly make the King realise his mistake.

In court, Rama presented “miracle” paddy seeds, claiming they would produce triple the yield. When courtiers mocked the idea, Rama cleverly compared careless seed-sowing to someone yawning. This led the King to yawn himself, prompting Rama to explain that yawning is a natural act, not a sign of disrespect.

The King realised his error and reconciled with the queen, apologising sincerely. The incident ended with harmony restored in the palace, and Tenali Rama was rewarded for his wisdom and wit. His tactful intervention once again proved that intelligence and humour can heal even royal wounds.

SUMMARY IN HINDI

कृष्णदेव राय (1509–1529 ई.) के शासनकाल में विजयनगर साम्राज्य सांस्कृतिक उत्कर्ष के स्वर्णिम युग का साक्षी रहा है। एक कुशल योद्धा और प्रख्यात कवि, कृष्णदेव राय ने साहित्य और कला को प्रोत्साहन दिया। उनके दरबार में प्रसिद्ध अष्टदिग्गजों का निवास था, जिनमें विनोदी कवि तेनाली रामकृष्ण भी शामिल थे, जो अपने तीखे हास्य और कुशलता पूर्ण समाधानों के लिए जाने जाते थे।

एक उल्लेखनीय घटना तब घटित हुई जब राजा का अपनी रानी थिरुमालम्बल से झगड़ा हो गया। कविता सुनाते समय रानी के बार-बार जम्हाई लेने को गलत समझकर राजा ने अपमानित महसूस किया।

और उससे दूरी बना ली। बेहद परेशान होकर रानी ने तेनाली राम से मदद मांगी। राम ने राजा को उनकी गलती को महसूस कराने के लिए एक योजना बनाई।

दरबार में, राम ने धान के “चमत्कारी” बीज प्रस्तुत किए और दावा किया कि ये तीन गुना उपज देंगे। जब दरबारियों ने इस विचार का मजाक उड़ाया, तो राम ने चतुराई से लापरवाही से बीज बोने वाले की तुलना किसी के जम्हाई लेने से की। इससे राजा को भी जम्हाई आ गई, जिससे राम ने आसानी से राजा को समझा दिया कि जम्हाई लेना एक स्वाभाविक क्रिया है, किसी के अनादर का संकेत नहीं है।

राजा ने अपनी गलती को स्वीकार कर लिया और उन्होंने रानी से समझौता कर लिया और सच्चे मन से क्षमा याचना की। घटना के बाद महल में फिर से शांति आ गई और तेनालीराम को उसकी बुद्धि और चतुराई का पुरस्कार मिला। उसके चतुराई भरे हस्तक्षेप ने एक बार फिर सिद्ध कर दिया कि बुद्धिमत्ता और हास्य शाही घावों को भी ठीक कर सकते हैं।



NEW WORDS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Word	Meaning in English	Meaning in Hindi
Page 2		
Empire	kingdom	साम्राज्य
Renowned	well known	प्रसिद्ध/विख्यात
Glory	fame	यश/कीर्ति
Wealth	riches	संपत्ति/धन
Achievements	successful results through effort	उपलब्धियाँ
Illustrious	respected and famous	प्रतिष्ठित/महान
Monarch	king	सम्राट/राजा
Architecture	the art and science of designing and constructing buildings	वास्तुकला
Flourished	grew or developed successfully	समृद्ध हुआ
Patron	supporter	संरक्षक
Eminent	famous	विशिष्ट
Epic	a long poem or story that tells of heroic deeds	महाकाव्य
Acclaimed	praised	प्रशंसित
Page 3		
Celebrated	widely praised	प्रसिद्ध
Collectively	together as a group	सामूहिक रूप से

Enriched	improved or made better	समृद्ध किया
Masterpieces	works of outstanding skill or excellence	उत्कृष्ट कृतियाँ
Humour	the quality of being amusing or entertaining	हास्य
Witty	clever and funny	चतुर और हाज़िरजवाब
Insurmountable	undefeatable	जिसे पराजित न किया जा सके
Disharmony	lack of peace or agreement	शांति और समझौते की कमी
Trivial	unimportant	तुच्छ
Frustration	feeling of being annoyed or helpless	निराशा
Quiet	peaceful	शांत
Forlorn	lonely or hopeless	अकेला और उदास
Distraught	deeply upset or troubled	व्याकुल
Resolve	to find a solution	समाधान करना/हल निकालना
Trembling	shaking slightly due to fear, cold, or emotion	कांपना
Vague	unclear or not specific	अस्पष्ट
Page 4		
Avoided	kept away from something or someone	टालना/बचना
Audience	a group of people who listen or watch	श्रोता/दर्शक
Exhausted	very tired or worn out	थका हुआ
Yawned	to open the mouth wide and take a deep breath when tired or bored	जम्हाई लेना
Stormed off	left angrily or suddenly	गुस्से में निकल जाना
Resolve	to find a solution or fix a problem	समाधान करना
Strategy	a planned way to achieve a goal	योजना
Profusely	in large amounts; excessively	बहुत अधिक
Bustling	full of busy activity or noise	चहल-पहल से भरा
Intricately	with many detailed and complex parts	जटिल रूप से/बारीकी से
Illuminating	lighting up or making brighter	प्रकाशित करना
Adorned	decorated or made beautiful	सुसज्जित
Exquisite	extremely beautiful and delicate	अत्यंत सुंदर
Rugs	thick woven floor coverings	गलीचे
Chatter	continuous talk or noise	गपशप

Ornate	highly decorated, often in a fancy way	सजावटी/भव्य
Stern	serious and strict	कठोर
Gnawed	troubled or affected continuously	लगातार परेशान किया
Page 5		
Paddy	rice crop	धान
Cultivation	the act of growing crops or plants	कृषि
Irrigation	the process of supplying water to land or crops	सिंचाई
Advocated	strongly supported or recommended	समर्थन किया
Manure	natural fertilizer made from animal waste	गोबर की खाद
Revolutionary	causing great change	क्रांतिकारी/नवीन
Yield	the amount of crop or product produced	उपज
Sarcasm	mocking or ironic remarks meant to hurt or criticize	व्यंग्य
Snickers	quiet, partly hidden laughter	दबी हँसी
Rippled	moved or spread in small waves	लहराना
Frowned	showed displeasure by wrinkling the forehead	भौंहें चढ़ाई/नाराज़गी जतायी
Absurd	completely unreasonable	बेतुका/हास्यास्पद
Repellents	substances used to drive away insects or pests	कीट भगाने वाला पदार्थ
Unfazed	not worried or disturbed	अप्रभावित
Page 6		
Hush	a sudden silence or quietness	सन्नाटा
Furrowed	wrinkled forehead due to worry or thought	माथे पर बल पड़ा
Roared	shouted or spoke loudly and powerfully	जोर से चिल्लाया
Glanced	looked quickly or briefly	एक नज़र डाली
Sceptical	doubtful	संदेहपूर्ण
Scatter	to spread or throw things in different directions	बिखेरना
Erupted	burst out suddenly	फूट पड़ना
Keenly	intensely or with strong focus	उत्सुकता से