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If I do not have fun then I'll change the mood.

Change the voice, change the eye.

*My boat doesn't sink by someone's hit,
Not the direction, I change the ship.*

@ Yahya flats

There is a small town of Kapadvanj in Gujarat. Here, stays Hakimuddin and the Nafisaflatsawala. Hakimuddin is born blind. He cannot do anything by profession. At this time his younger brother Mr. Saphi Flatwala helped the family in times of need. There was no economic activity of his father. This family, who is suffering from financial problems, whenever needs help relies on Hakimuddin's brother for it. A son was born at the house of Hakimuddin and Nafisa Flatwala. An atmosphere of sadness arose in the home along with happiness. They were happy because son was born at

the house of Hakimuddin. Sadly, this son was born blind.

Three people in one house. Two of them are blind. Readers also would feel sad looking at this stroke of nature. Consider this as the nature is taking their exam. Somehow these sad days were being passed. Family accepted the problem given by nature. They started again to live a life in front of it. Somehow time was passing like this.

It is a matter of time. 6 February 1970. Another son was born in the house of Hakimuddin and Nafisa Banu. The whole family again experienced a tragedy. This second son was also blind from birth. It is said that nature does not give everything to all. It is also true. If the nature takes something then it replaces it with something else.

This second son was named Yahya. From his childhood, Yahya was sent to study in Ahmedabad due to his agility and quick understanding. From there he began to learn and understand. It is also here to think that three men and three of them are blind in the same house. We get shocked when thinking about it. It is also said that no one can stop anyone who thinks of pushing forward with steadfastness.

In Ahmedabad, after completing the study, the job search was done. But who gets regular jobs. At St.Javier's College in Ahmedabad, he joined as a part time lecturer. One task is jobs in a city such as Ahmedabad and there is a need for a life partner to be stable in life.He started searching for this. Who would give their daughter in a house where there are three blind men? The job was also part time. Even in the home of nature there is no law and order. Today, about seventeen years before Yahyagot married. His wife's name is Arwa. Here Arvaben is also required to congratulate. She was beautiful. Despite knowing that Yahya is blind she agreed to this marriage. Life for her was like there were three blind men in his life

partner's house. All of them are unable to see.all men are blind. Yet they have social and family responsibilities. Today, the family of Yahya lives in Vadodara, a family of four with two children, one daughter and son.

Let us recall the past when three out of four people were blind in one house. Today, in the Yahya family, three out of four people are seen. During the new job, Yahya received the qualification of M.A. and scored 76 percentage in it in 2013. Even today people cant think of giving an exam such as the National Eligibility Test, he passed it for the subject of Gujarati and education. Even a common person finds one such exam to be very difficult where Yahya passes two exams together. This shows Yahya's strong will power. Successful people were able to introduce themselves to fortune. The text for this is only for their introduction. Now the talk is an inspiration to all.

Some people are moving around with their own problems. The curve rotates in the description of crying or distress. But here is Yahya whose

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names means immortal. One thinker has written that if you want to be immortal then it can be done in three ways. Raise the trees ... Give birth or write a book.

Yahya has done all these three tasks. And he has done very successfully. He works out with many things for protecting environment. He does not spoil the small piece of paper. He says that the paper is prepared by cutting trees. If we cannot raise the tree, it is necessary to save it, but not to destroy it. Yes, Yahya is also active for the protection and enrichment of trees. He has a son and a daughter. This is the second point which also comes in the form of immortalization. While the last point is the book writing, it is important to write for children of smaller standards. It is also important to know that writing for children and even for smaller standard children is very difficult. While Yahya has so far worked as a book writer and reviewer of various topics from standard one to eight.

Yahya, who has been struggling from his birth and his weaknesses, has expressed his views through many articles. And, in Gujarat, he plays the

role of writer in the books which children are studying in the state of Gujarat. Persons who are visually impaired are employed as the convener in the writings of such books. He is the author of the books being used in standards three to eight. Life education as a monthly magazine has been published for more than 150 years in direct or indirect institutions connected with primary education of the entire state. He serves as a member of the Editorial Council for this important publication of education. Yahya himself can run the computer. This is not his only specialty. Yahya, a novelist, has today been responsible for the last ten years as the present President of the Blind Teachers Association. Yahya, who believes Louis Braille as his ideal, has a similar reputation. He says that success is achieved by sticking to it without fear of anything. Only one example to understand this will be enough. January 4 is Louis Braille's birthday. On this day, Gujarat's first HD News channel V TV used a novel experiment to get the work of a news reader with a blind person. On 4 January 2013, he proved his tone in the prime slot for thirty minutes

continuously working as a news reader. So many times he has donated blood. Where we cannot even think of tracking, he has done trekking twice. In the year of 1994 and 2000 in KulluManali, he has tracked 12000 feet of new glory. Whenever there was an opportunity to include this in the National or World Record Book, he instinctively said that 'I am doing this work for my pleasure. I am doing this work, that is my mind record'. Here one thing is necessary that the state government has made it compulsory to pass the Computer skills for the teachers. In the primary education, many teachers used to be blind teachers. It was planned to give training to the teachers. More than three hundred blind teachers paced up with modern times and they were equipped under ICT. In this way State Government collaborations and special plan of GCERT have successfully worked for blind teachers or employees across the country. A unique initiative was created. Thus, providing training to blind teachers was successfully implemented and it was only possible in Gujarat that it was not

possible to see this success without Yahya.

He celebrates the birth day of his children in the tribal area. He also helps the children according to the need. Yahya, who works in District Education and Training Bhavan at Vadodara, helps children as per their need. Every year such a financial aid is provided to one such child. Following the principle of the universe is my family and all religions are equal, yes, he celebrates Ganesha Chaturthi's festivities with his family every year. It's his hobby to sing childhood songs and making children have fun. His work is an integral part of his life. Yahya is in the habit of doing all his work by himself and carries French beard. He himself makes French cut beard. Here again I will write that the work that people who can see are also not capable to do, he is fond of doing the same work. To remember whose name you would like to remember, it is not an exaggeration to identify this unique person who likes to spend time together ... and to be an inspiration to others.