

Peelu's Calf Gulli



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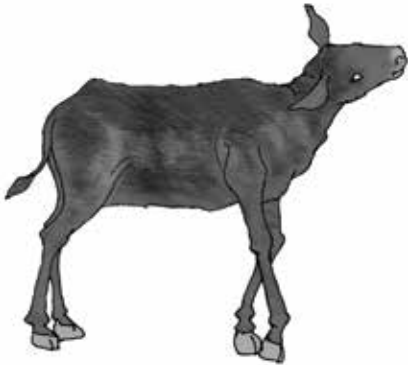
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Gulli



Peelu



Mummy



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One day, there was a lot of activity in Rani's house since morning. There was a lot of noise. Rani got up because of the noises. She woke up Rama too.

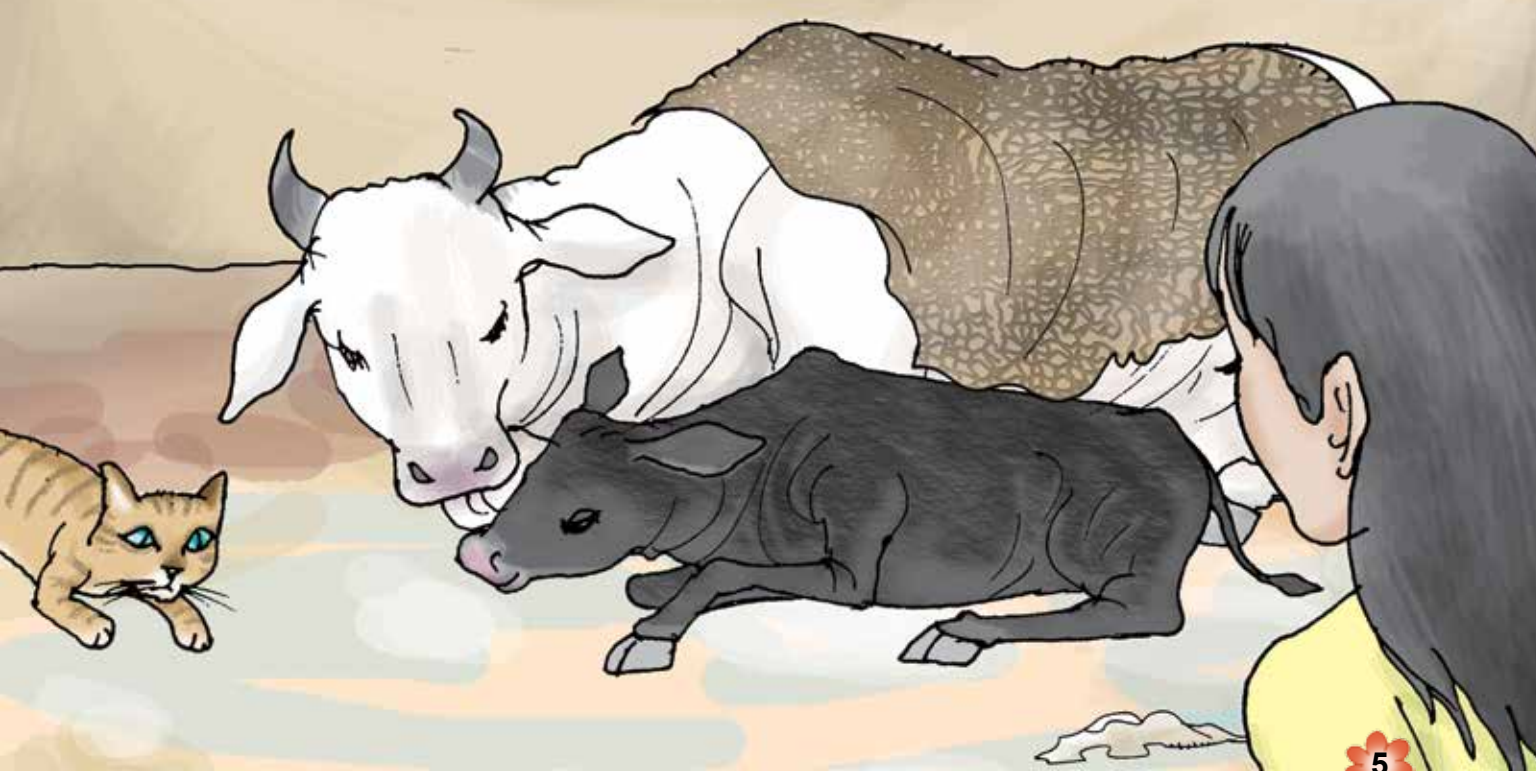


Rani got up and came out in the courtyard. There was a lot of activity in the courtyard. Everybody was busy in their own work. She started looking at everyone.



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**She saw papa keeping a pot on the fire place.
The pot had rice and lentils with water.
Mummy was sitting with two sacks.
She was taking out jaggery from the sacks.**



**Rani saw that Peelu, the cow had delivered a calf.
It was sitting next to Peelu.
Peelu, the cow was licking her calf.
The calf too was happy getting her face licked.**

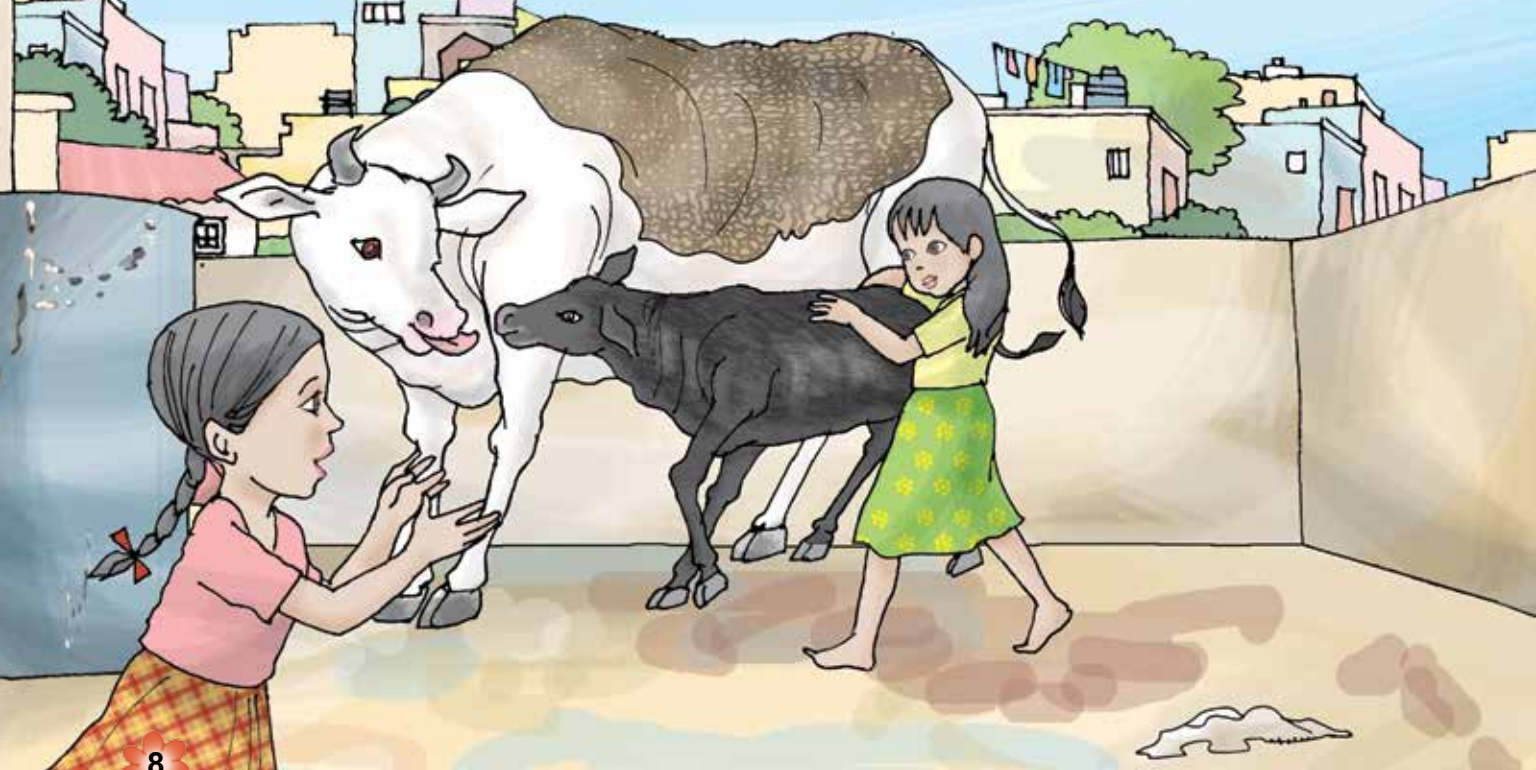


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**Rani ran and came to the calf.
The calf was of black colour.
Mummy too came near Rani.
She started to feed jaggery to Peelu.**



**Rani touched the calf.
It was very smooth and soft.
The hair of the calf were shining.
She had a small tail.**



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**The calf was trying to stand again and again.
She would wobble and then sat down.
Rani patted her lovingly.
Rama too came there.**



**Rama gave Peelu jaggery.
Rama also started touching the calf.
Rama and Rani were very happy.
They were very happy seeing the calf.**



**Rama and Rani named the calf, Gulli.
They told Mummy her name.
They went back and sat beside Gulli.
They did not want to move away from Gulli.**



Mummy gave Rama and Rani some cuttings of cloth. She asked them to make a rope for Gulli. The rope to tie Gulli needed to be soft. Both sat down to make the rope.



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**Rama saw that Baba was gently pulling Gulli.
He put Gulli's mouth to Peelu's udders.
Gulli started to suck milk.
Peelu was standing quietly.**



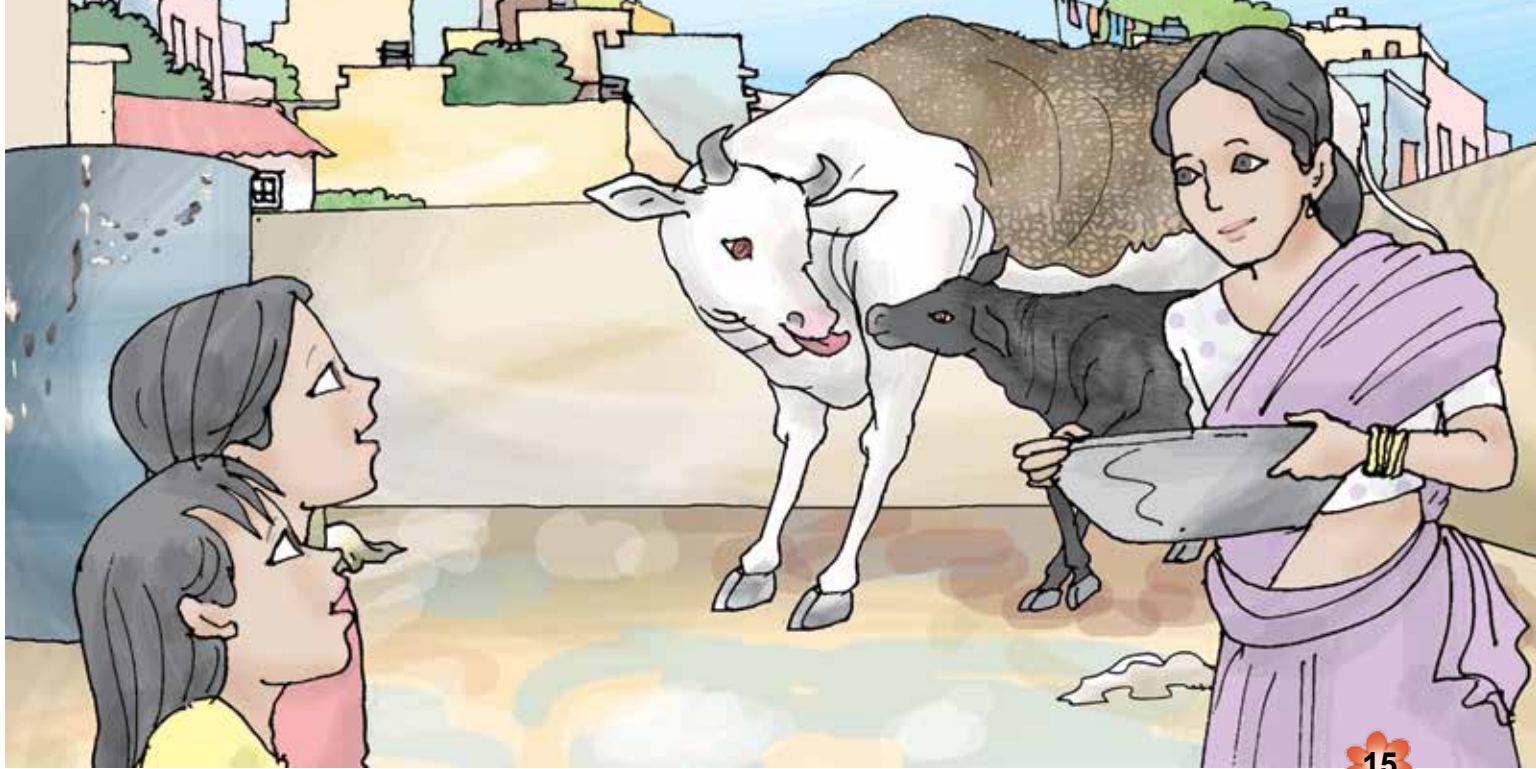
Gulli kept sucking the milk. Her tail was moving here and there. In the meanwhile, Mummy got some *kaadha** for Peelu. Peelu started to drink *kaadha*.

*Kaadha – Brew of spices



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**After some time, Papa pulled Gulli away.
Then, mummy started milking Peelu.
That day Peelu's milk was a bit different.
It was yellowish and was sour.**



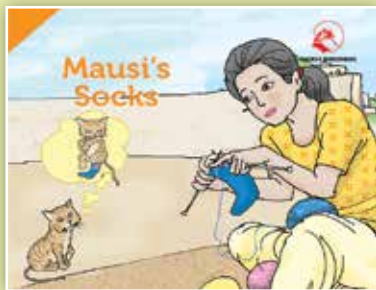
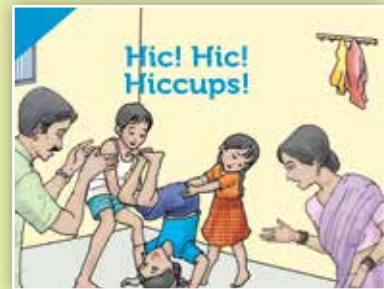
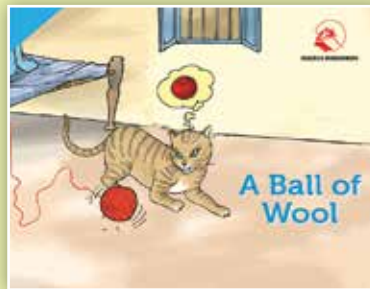
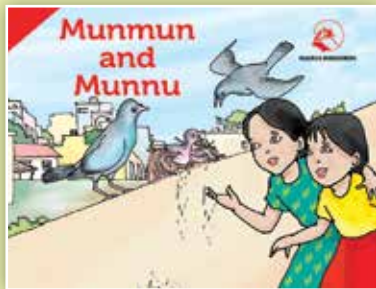
**Rama and Rani went to Mummy.
They did not want to go to school.
Mummy agreed to this.
But, Mummy put a condition.**

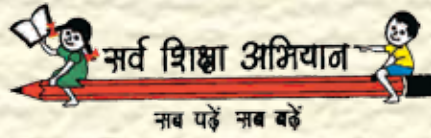


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Mummy said they would need to bathe Gulli. Hearing this, they both were very happy. Rama and Rani gently bathed Gulli. After bathing Gulli, they tied her with the soft rope.

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