Grandpa’s Beard –
Life Begins When You Step Out of the Shadow



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During summer, we often see the seeds of trees like Guggali or Karmara floating in the air, spinning gently like grandpa’s beard. Nature quietly teaches us a beautiful lesson through this simple sight.

One day, a grandfather took his grandson to play near a banyan tree. The boy noticed many banyan fruits scattered on the ground and asked, “Grandpa, if all these fruits sprout, wouldn’t the whole village be filled with banyan trees? Why doesn’t that happen?”

Just then, the grandfather caught a white fluffy seed drifting in the air and placed it in the boy’s hand.

He said, “Children should be like this seed. They must move away from the shadow of their parents to grow. Only then will they get enough space, sunlight, and water to become strong. If banyan seeds remain under the same tree, they cannot grow and may simply decay there. That is why the banyan tree spreads through its hanging roots and expands outward.”

“In the same way,” he continued, “children must step out of their parents’ shadow to become independent. Only then will they gain courage, wisdom, and new opportunities. Just as seeds carried by the wind travel far and grow wherever they fall, people too must open themselves to the wider world.”

When we see people who left their parents at a young age and moved to cities like Mumbai, becoming very successful or wealthy, we begin to understand this hidden truth of nature.

Moral: To achieve something in life, one must step out of the comfort zone and learn to stand on one’s own feet.