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DHUNU'S GUITAR

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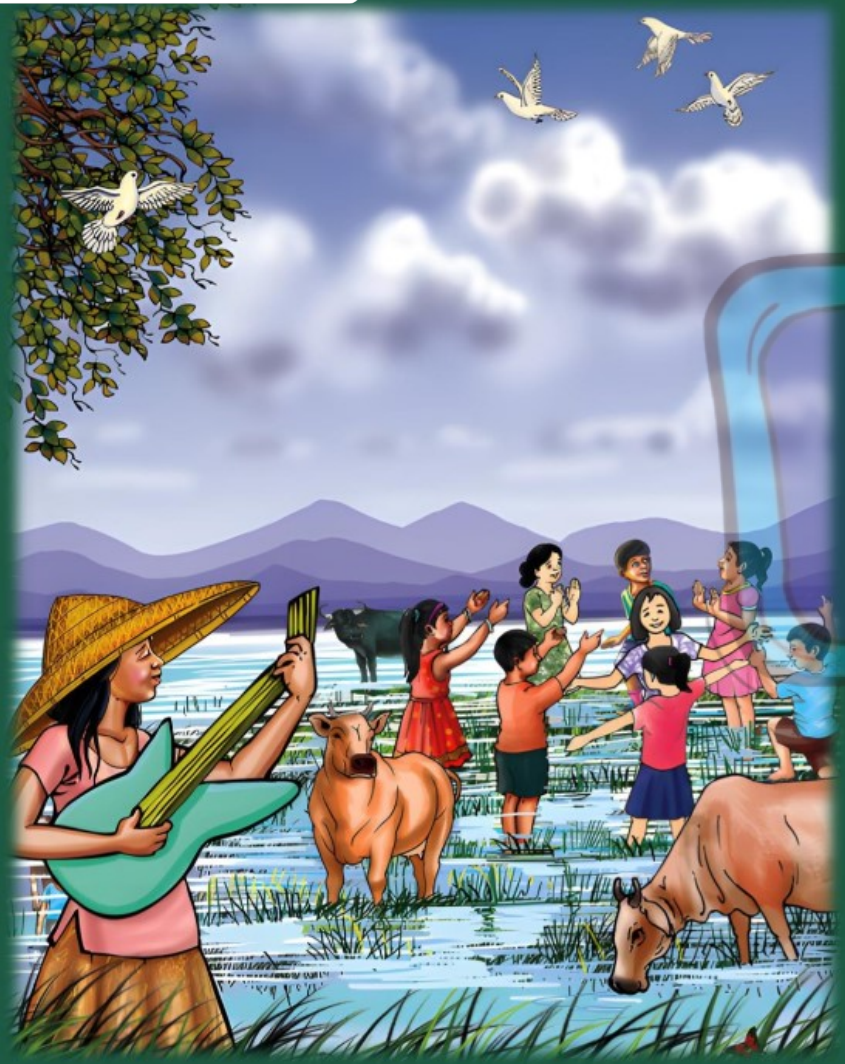
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Let us read about a young girl called Dhunu who wanted to be a musician – a Rockstar. 'Dhunu' is the name given to this young girl from Kalardiya village, near Chhaygaon in Kamrup district of Assam by celebrated Assamese filmmaker Rima Das.

Celebrated – যশস্বী / বিখ্যাত

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We know of Dhunu and her dreams from Rima Das's movie **Village Rockstars** which won several prestigious prizes, including the Swarna Kamal Award for Best Feature Film in 2017 at the 65th National Film Awards, 2018.

Prestigious – মৰ্য্যদাপূৰ্ণ

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Village Rockstars was also India's official entry in the Best Foreign Film category at the 91st Academy Awards (Oscars), and was much appreciated, even though it did not win an Oscar.

Appreciated – প্ৰসংশিত

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Dhunu is a ten year old girl who lives with her mother and elder brother Manabendra. Her father died some time ago, and they are quite poor. Dhunu's mother tries to make a living by selling snacks at local events, and Dhunu helps her when she is not at school.

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In her free time Dhunu spends her time playing with her pet goat and her friends Rinku, Boloram, Bishnu and Bhaskar. She loves to climb trees, ride bicycles, swim in the river and play in the paddy fields with her friends.

Paddy fields – ধাননি পথাৰ

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The women of the village often scold her for not behaving 'like a girl', spending time with boys and playing boys' games. But her mother does not stop Dhunu from doing anything she likes, and instead gets angry with the other women.

Scold – ধমকি দিয়া

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She reminds them that none of them came to help her after her husband's death. She has been doing both a man's job as well as a woman's job, earning money and looking after her children, her animals and her land.

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One day, Dhunu and her friends come upon a group of boys practising music for a local event. The musicians take no notice of the young children, who quietly come into the room and stare at them, fascinated by the instruments.

Fascinated – মুগ্ধ হৈ পৰে

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Dhunu and her friends touch the instruments with curiosity and surprise, having never come so close to musicians.

Dhunu is especially fascinated by the guitar, and later tells her friends that they should form their own band.

Curiosity – জানিবলৈ ইচ্ছুক

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She and her friends make Styrofoam cutouts of guitars and other instruments, and pretend to play them on stage, in the rains and in the fields. The trees, clouds, cows, goats and other children become their audience, and they begin living their 'rock star' dreams.

Cutouts – এটা কাটি উলিওৱা আকৃতি
Pretend – ভাও ধৰা

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Deep inside they know that they can't afford a guitar. But instead of cursing their destiny, they find their happiness by playing with the Styrofoam instruments. One day, Dhunu asks her mother if she has money in the bank to buy a guitar.

Cursing – দোষাৰোপ কৰা

Destiny – ভাগ্য

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When her mother tells her that they would have to sell off Dhunu's goat, Munu to buy a guitar, Dhunu is shocked, and does not mention it any more. But she finds it impossible to give up her dream of buying a real guitar, and starts doing odd jobs around the village to earn and save money.

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The children's fun is cut short as the monsoon months begin. It starts raining very heavily, and soon the village is flooded. Houses come under water, paddy fields are flooded, animals die and the villagers can do nothing to save their valuable paddy, their homes and the other little things they own.

Flooded – ডুব যোৱা

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Even the bridge that the children used to take to go to schools is destroyed by the flood.



Destroyed – ধ্বংস কৰা

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Dhunu gets worried that the bamboo post in which she saves money for her guitar may be swept away by the flood. In the days following the floods, however, the guitar is forgotten.

Worried – উদ্বিগ্নতা

Swept away – উটোৱাই নিয়া

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She patiently waits for the floods to recede. One evening, Dhunu and her friend, Bhaskar go on a boat ride. She quietly tells him that if the embankment had been there a few years ago, her father wouldn't have died. She fears that if the embankment gives way, the whole village will drown.

Patiently – ধৈর্য্যৰে

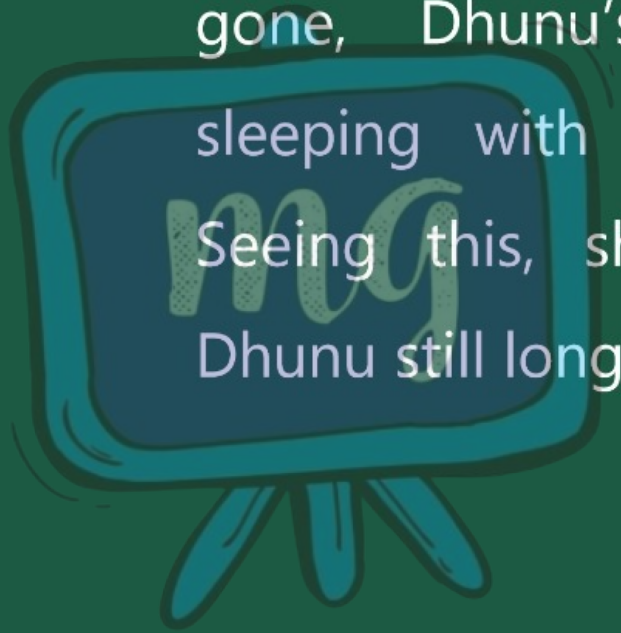
Recede – পিছলৈ ঘূৰি যাবলৈ

Embankment – মথাউৰি

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One day, after the floods have finally gone, Dhunu's mother spots her sleeping with the Styrofoam guitar. Seeing this, she realises how much Dhunu still longs for a guitar.



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She wants to fulfil her daughter's dreams, and secretly visits a music shop to ask about a cheap guitar. But there she realises that buying a guitar is still outside her reach.

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Will Dhunu's mother sell her goat and manage to buy the guitar or will Dhunu's dreams of having a real guitar always remain a dream?

Dhunu and her friends are torn between the magic of dreams and the harshness of reality.

Harshness – কঠোৰতা

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But Dhunu believes that if you really want something and work towards it, you can achieve it. Her eyes are bright with the hope that someday she will play a guitar.

✓ Achieve – সাফল্য লাভ কৰা

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Assessment

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(a) Who made the film Village Rockstars?

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(b) How old was Dhunu?

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ii) 11 years

iii) 12 years

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(c) What is the name of Dhunu's brother?

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ii) Manabendra

iii) Bhaskar

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(d) Who scolded Dhunu?

i) The old people of the village

ii) The women of the village

iii) None of the above