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# World of Hindi Comics Characters: Memories of the Past Special Reference Diamond Comics

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The world of Hindi comics, which is no longer as popular as it was when it became famous in the nineties, is remembered because our childhood was like this; hence its memories have been presented in this paper. Great heroes of the past are also remembered. When we had time in childhood, how did we use it? Some places where comics were easily available are also mentioned. Childhood memories have been described poignantly. Some famous characters from comics have been mentioned in this paper. Although it is difficult to mention all the characters, some have been mentioned. It is not my intention to hurt the copyrighted material of any company, but this paper is about the characters that have been forgotten, and it aims to promote children's entertainment through Diamond Comics characters created by cartoonist Pran Sir. There is an effort. Some characters are shown. some are talked about and some are lived with them. No comics or their stories are presented. Complete care has been taken in this paper. Cartoonist Pran Sir has been mentioned in this paper because he was the creator of these characters, hence it was considered important to tell about him because his memories are now among us. If we consider this article as related to any subject, then this topic can be considered as a topic related to library science or social science.

# Introduction:-



The world of comics was very unique. If we talk about 30 years ago i.e. 1994, there were no computers or mobiles at that time. Even if they existed, I don't know that they would only be owned by some rich person. The rest of the middle class does not know all this. Whenever there were summer holidays, the best way for children to spend their time was to rent comics, have fun while reading and then return them. Thinking about what a time it was, the mind becomes very happy, what a childhood it was when holidays used to come. I and other kids would get permission from our parents to read comics while enjoying the summer. We used to run here and there for comics, whenever a new comic came in the market, while reading it, there was a different world of comic superheroes, it felt as if we too were in the same world. At that time two things were becoming very popular among children, one was comics and the other was video games. Children were engrossed in it all the time, used to spend their time in it all the time because throughout the year they were busy only in studies because parents did not have permission, they used to think when will their child study? If someone is interested in comics or plays video games, then when will he be able to study? If children get low marks in exams if they do so, then comics or video games will be blamed. Today's children are not able to live that kind of childhood. Nowadays children are lost in the world of TV, mobile and computer, which is having the biggest impact on their health. This is the kind of life that has no interest in comics, video games, or street games. Children were crazy about comics. As soon as a new set arrived, booking would start and the children would tell the seller that if the comics came back, you would book them for me. At some places there will also be verbal differences between children. There was a time that flew away with wings, now only memories are left, whether you liked school books of that time or not, but the love you had for comics was worth seeing. During school holidays, some children would go to their grandparents' houses, some would stay at home to pass the time by playing games or watching television, and some would rent comics at home and read them. Comics also became a luxury; it had become a business for some people. Earlier there used to be many comic shops where magazines, comics, novels and newspapers were sold, but now nothing like this is seen because due to losses in this business, most of the people have opened some other business, but in the 90's In the decade such things which we know today as mobiles and computers were introduced. When we went to the railway station, there was also a shop named Wheelers. The children would insist their father to bring comics and would read them with pleasure during the journey. Children also went to the public library to read comics. When it was noon and 5 o'clock in the evening, children would come to the public library to read and enjoy comics. They used to go in groups and also go to the library. Comics also used to be available in public libraries. Most cities used to have this type of public libraries. The language of comics was Hindi, which was very popular in



India. Since it was Hindi language, children were able to understand it easily. Some children also read English comics, their aim was to improve their English, but such children were very few.

# **Review of Literature:**

There have been many articles about in the world of comics, such as Indian Genre Fiction: Pasts and Future Histories (2019) which shows the popularity of comics, and also Adventure Comics and Youth Culture in India (2019) on this topic. However, now that the existence of these characters is in danger, it has become a subject of research. A composition similar to this article is also seen in the article of Summer Heat and a Pile of Comics (2014).

## **Objective of study:-**

The purpose of writing a paper is to preserve some memories.

- (1) For the characters which are not being read that much now, with the help of this paper some children will get inspired to read them.
- (2) I also remember my old days which were among the best days of my life.
- (3) To know about the humor that remains in his comics.
- (4) Understanding comic characters.
- (5) A desire to further expand the prevalence of comics.

## Research Methods:-

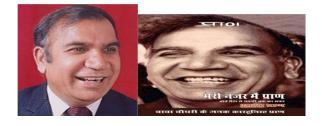
If we talk about research, then only qualitative research has been done in this paper because in this paper experience was given importance because memories also act as experience in a way. Whatever sources of data have been obtained, they have been obtained from primary and secondary sources only, some sources have been obtained from journal articles, newspapers, but most of them have been obtained with the help of internet.

# **Cartoonist Pran**

Cartoonist Pran, whose comic characters Chacha Chaudhary, Pinky, Billu, Channi Chachi, Smtji, Raman dominated Diamond Comics, was born in 1938 and died in 2014. Cartoonist Pran graduated in BA and Political Science from Gwalior. He did post-graduation from Delhi. He did a fine arts course from a college in Mumbai. Whenever someone opened a comic book to read, there was mention of cartoonist



Pran Sir on the first page. He was also an expert in satirizing cartoonist Pran. The pictures created by cartoonist Pran had left behind even today's graphic design. Children liked the characters created by him very much. Making cartoons and coloring them is a very difficult task but Pran Sir had done a very good job in it. But Pran Sir used to breathe life into the characters. Pran sir is no longer among us, but his contribution to the children cannot be forgotten. His comics are still popular in the minds of children. His characters who created a sense of humor will always be remembered. The spirit of the cartoonist will always live on in the hearts of children, even though he is no more in this world. He will be remembered for his art for centuries because it is not possible for everyone to be like him. Cartoonist Pran is a citizen of India and his art is a legacy. This person, who belonged to a middle class family living in Delhi, adopted himself in the world of cartoons. A book of his biography was also published; whose name was Pran in my eyes. It was written by him himself, in which everything about his life is told. The author of that book was Pran Sir. The publisher of the book is Pran Features LLP. The book was published in 2019 and is available in marketplaces like Amazon, Flipkart. In this book of Pran, every aspect of his life has been told, although when the book was published, Pran Sir was not in this world. Apart from Hindi and English, comics of Pran Sir's characters are also available in many languages. The characters created by him were liked not only in Hindi language but also in other languages as much as they were liked in Hindi language.



## **Information about Comic heroes**

If we talk about some comics, then the ones which were read in every home are being told.

1. <u>Chacha choudhary</u>:- Chacha Chaudhary was such a character whose comics created a stir as soon as he came out. He was the most popular character. The first comic of this character Chacha Chaudhary was in space. This character tickled everyone from children to adults. He was famous not only in India but everywhere. Its fame can also be known from the fact that there was a serial of this character in which Raghuveer Yadav played the role of Chacha Chaudhary. Along with this character there also lived a wrestler named Sabu who came from the planet Jupiter. Chacha Chaudhary's comics came under Diamond Comics and their price was higher than other comics. Among Chacha Chaudhary's comics,



there was also a comic of a dreaded villain Raka, which had many parts which were very popular in the childhood of his children. He was very crazy about comics. There was that wave of comics that Chacha Chaudhary's comics became popular in the market as soon as they came out. He was such a character who was more famous among children than any film star. The creator of these comics was Pran Saheb, whose details were on the first page of the comics. This character created by Pran has ruled the minds of children for years. Most of the parts of Chacha Chaudhary's comics were also made in the form of a digest. The price of these digest comics was high because they had more pages in them. Children used to show a lot of interest in reading them. There are many comics of Chacha Chaudhary but his fame has been very high. He was a wonderful character who ruled the minds of children, who tickled the minds of children. The joy of reading his comics was something else. Many children bought his comics. Many children kept his comics as if they were precious treasures. There used to be a dialogue in his comics whenever he used to solve any problem in a jiffy, then it was written below with the symbol of a star – "Chacha Chaudhary's mind works faster than a computer". Along with this, another dialogue was also famous among the children. Whenever Sabu got angry by any villain, it was written below in the comics with a star symbol. "When Sabu gets angry, a volcano erupts somewhere". Along with Chacha Chaudhary, some of his fellow characters included his wife Binny, his dog Rocket, his other friend Tingu Master, with whom Chacha Chaudhary used to do humor. In Chacha Chaudhary's comics, famous villains named Gobarsingh and Dhamaka Singh were also found. Most of the time he kept making unsuccessful attempts to harms Chacha Chaudhary. He also had a brother who was similar in appearance to Chacha Chaudhary, who also appeared in many comics, his name was Chhajju Chaudhary, whose appearance was similar to Chacha Chaudhary.

Some characteristics which were shown in Chacha Chaudhary:-

- 1. Chacha Chaudhary was not a superhero. He did not have any divine power with the help of which he could win any battle, nor did he have any weapon with which he could attack the enemies;, Chacha Choudhary was an elderly man with high intelligence. who was like Chanakya
- 2. Chacha Choudhary won the fight against crime and criminals with his brains and his stick.
- 3. He had a wrestler named Sabu who came from another planet but Choudhary used him when he was in great need and he treated Sabu like his son.



- 4. Along with Chacha Chaudhary, there were some characters with whom Chacha Chaudhary was seen in a funny manner, like his wife Bini, who used to come from time to time and increase the pleasure of reading comics because uncle used to make fun of all the villains with jokes, but If he himself was afraid of anyone, it was his wife Bini.
- 5. Chacha Chaudhary had a very positive attitude towards animals. He loved his dog Rocket very much and played with him.

More than 500 comics of this character have been published. He was the most read character of Diamond Comics. The comics of this character were the most discussed. Even though this character was from a fictional world, it was a character that touched everyone's heart. He also appeared in some of his comic series like Raaka who was his arch enemy; However, at the end of the comics, Chacha Chaudhary and Sabu defeated him in battle and left him to wander, sometimes in space and sometimes in the depths of the sea etc. The biggest problem was that Raaka could not be killed because he had drunk the liquor of Chakramacharya. Immortalizing medicine. However, many of Chacha Chaudhary's comics are being made and sold in the market as fake ones because now children are not as crazy about comics as they used to be earlier and some of the benefits of this are being taken by those who are making and selling fake comics. Chacha Chaudhary is that star who was more important in the hearts of children than film stars in the 90s. In his childhood, whenever any of his new comics came out, it was not available for rent in the market on the first day, hence the demand for his comics increased so much. This character had a strong impact on the market, although this character was introduced only in 1971, but the explosion of this character that was seen in the 90s was not seen before that.

The list of comics that had been published appeared sequentially on the last page. It was fun in itself to see this list and then we would think about which comics we had read. When I felt that I had not read these comics, I used to go to the market and search from where I could get these comics and finish reading that too. That was a fun era that passed.

#### TV Serial Chacha Choudhary:-

Chacha Chaudhary was so famous that a TV serial was also made in his name and aired on Sahara Channel. 600 episodes of this serial were broadcast in which Raghuveer Yadav played the role of Chacha Chaudhary. Children liked this serial very much because Chacha Chaudhary also resides in the hearts of children like Shaktimaan. Raghuveer Yadav has been a good actor whose indelible impression



has always been made due to his TV serials. His height has been useful due to which he gets some such roles which he plays very well. Praveen Kumar, who played the role of Sabu, is a recognized actor. He had also played the role of Bheem in the serial named Mahabharata. Praveen Kumar, who was tall and tall, was a suitable actor for the role of Sabu.

#### 2.<u>Billu</u>:-

Billu is a character created by Pran Sir, who is very mischievous and has his own world. This character is very mischievous. His comics had their own unique fun. The most interesting thing was his hair which covered his face. This will be a very rare comic in which his full face is visible. This specialty of Billu makes this character unique. Billu's adventures were so funny that Chacha Chaudhary and Pinky were even seen together in some of Billu's comics. Billu's first comics came in 1973. Billu also became a favorite of children. Billu's mischiefs tickled the minds of children. Billu was a character who many times had to face his own consequences due to his mischiefs. Billu's comics did not have adventures like Chacha Chaudhary's comics. Billu was an ordinary boy who was moderately talented. He did not have any divine powers like the characters in other comics. There was nothing, nor any sharp mind or strength. Billu was a character who just had fun with his friends. He was also an ordinary student studying in school. He had a good army of school friends.

Some of Billu's friends are also as mischievous as him.

1.Jozi:- Jozi is a friend of Billu. Billu's friendship with him is much older. Joji also helps Billu in many ways. Joji lives in his neighborhood and is of the same age as him. Billu and Joji study in the same school. Being Billu's friend, his comics are a lot of fun

- 2.Moti:- A dog named Moti, who has been raised by Billu, helps Billu in many ways. This dog also performs many feats in Billu's comics. Billu likes this dog very much because it is one of Billu's good friends.
- 3.Gabdu:- Gabdu is also one of Billu's special friends, he is a little fat and is very fond of eating and drinking. Gabdu has a wonderful comic with Billu, Billu Ki Softy. Gabdu's actions create humor. This friend is very smart in studies. Gabdu is Billu's childhood friend.
- 4.. Monu:- Monu is a friend of Billu who lives in the neighborhood but rarely meets Billu.
- 5.Bishamber: Bishamber is a friend of Billu, like Monu and Gabdu, Bishamber is also a friend.



#### Billu also has friends

and some enemies too

- 1.Bajrangi Wrestler:- Billu's biggest enemy is Bajrangi Wrestler who calls Billu a rat. Bajrangi wrestler has a strong hatred for Billu. Billu Bajrangi doesn't even look at the wrestler. Billu has hurt Bajrangi wrestler with his mind many times due to which Bajrangi wrestler wants to defeat Billu every time.
- 2...Dhakkan:- Dhakkan is Bajrangi wrestler's friend who complains to Bajrangi wrestler about Billu due to which Bajrangi wrestler hates Billu.
- 3...Nattu:- Nattu is the son of Bajrangi wrestler who studies in the same school as Billu. Like Bajrangi wrestler, Nattu also does not like Billu, due to which there is a fight between them.
- 4...Cornell Three Not Three:- Colonel Three Not Three is Joji's father who does not like Billu coming to his house at all and he does not like Joji meeting Billu even more because Colonel Saheb considers Billu as a stray boy.

The most fascinating thing about the cat is that its head is covered with hair, so how can the cat see? If the head is covered with hair then how can Billu see everything, although Billu's face is visible only in one or two comics. That too must have happened when Billu's hair would have stood on end out of fear. Billu had also found a place in Parag Children's Chitrakatha, where some pages were of Billu. When we used to read this cartoon, there were some clippings of Billu's comics in it, hence it was even more fun to read. Seeing Billu, I started having some feelings for myself because such a child can be seen in every street and locality of the colony. If Billu used to take any challenge of Bajrangi wrestler, he used to win only by luck.

#### 3.Pinki:-

Pinki is a 5 year old girl whose comics were created by Pran but she is very mischievous and playful and there is a mischief in her every action. In the comics of Pinki's character released in 1978, every action of this character used to make children laugh a lot. Whenever Pinki's comics came into the market, they became popular everywhere. Pinki was a girl who asked so many questions which were difficult to solve. Like their neighbours, whenever Pinki came, they were seen hiding and avoiding her. Her neighbors used to call her trouble because they knew that whenever Pinki came, she talked so much that no one had time for that much and they also suffered some losses. She will definitely do this. That is



why Pinki was given the name of trouble. Whenever Pinki came to help or help someone, she would give them more troubles and the whole house and neighbors would think that Pinki had no work and that she was more troublesome by spoiling the work. Although Pinki loves animals a lot, Pinki is a very good girl at heart and mind and such mischievous girls are easily found on the streets and the creation of such a character is one of the best thinking of cartoonist Pran Sir. Like Billu, Pinki also has many friends who live in her neighborhood but Pinki does not desist from troubling them too. Pinki has also worked with Chacha Chaudhary and Billu in many comics.

Some characters were always seen with Pinki also.

- 1.Champu:- Champu is Pinki's friend who has been seen many times in Pinki's comics. Champu lives in Pinky's neighborhood and studies in the same school as Pinki. Pinki often comes to meet Champu at his house, but Champu also hesitates to meet Pinki because Pinki mostly causes harm.
- 2. Bhiku:- Bhiku is also a very good friend of Pinki, who is a thin boy and wears glasses. He also lives in Pinki's neighborhood but is often seen with Pinki. Pinki does not miss the opportunity to tease him.
- 3. Jhaptji:- Jhaptji is Pinki's neighbor but he is the person whom Pinki troubles the most. He has called Pinki a problem. As soon as Pinki comes to meet him, Jhaptaaj starts hiding as Pinki's questions start giving him a headache. Jhaptaji is an ordinary person who runs away from problems. Pinki takes advantage of this. Pinki enjoys troubling him.
- 4...Pussy:- Pussy is a cat raised by Pinki who keeps troubling the people living around Pinki with her mischiefs. Doesn't want to hear any complaints about Pinki Pussy.
- 5.Kutkut:- Kutkut is a squirrel raised by Pinki who mostly appears in Pinki's comics. Pinki likes it very much because Pinki likes to play with it.
- 6.Rukmani:- Rukmani is the wife of Jhapatji. When Jhaptaji gets fed up with Pinki's mischiefs, Rukmani advises him to deal with Pinki.
- 7. Kashav:- Pinki's father's name is Kashav. She is also featured in Pinki's Comics as the titular Pinki; Pinky's mom and dad
- 8. Madhu:- The name of Pinki's mother comics is Madhu.
- 9.Bishambardas:- Name of Pinki's grandfather.



Pinki's adventures were very popular during my childhood days in the 90s, but one thing is that these comic book characters never grew up. Pinki lived only 5 years from 78 to 90. This shows that all these characters were imaginary and brings a smile on our faces.

#### Raman:-

Raman is a middle class man who is an ordinary person like us, whose family is like ours, who keeps coming face to face with new problems every day. This character created by cartoonist Pran has made everyone, from children to adults, laugh a lot. Raman's comics Raman Hum Ek Hain, which came out in 1984, were greatly appreciated by the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and she gave him the Titholi Award for it. Because Hindu Muslim Punjabi unity was shown in that comic, there was a character named Raman who is always struggling with some problem because he is an office clerk. And like us, he also has to maintain both office and home, which he is unable to do and becomes a laughing stock, although this character like Chacha Chaudhary Billu Pinky could not become famous because children are not so interested in reading Raman. This was because the children liked the mischievous and mischievous Billu, Pinki and Chacha Chaudhary who used to solve the problems in a moment, but they could not like Raman that much because the children did not like the person entangled with family problems as much as Raman who was in the comics. Even if there was a story, it would have been only of two pages and then the next story would have started, hence the children liked it less.

#### Raman comics another character:-

- 1.Khalifa:- Raman's neighbor and friend, who is still a bachelor and is mostly seen with Raman, Khalifa is a Muslim, but their friendship is very wonderful.
- 2.Monga Singh:- Monga Singh is a Punjabi and is also Raman's neighbor and friend who is seen with Raman in most of Raman's comics.
- 3.Kamli:- Kamli is Raman's wife who lives with him. Raman is shown struggling with many family problems along with her.
- 4.Barood fat:- Raman's boss, whose name is Barood Phat, is mostly against Raman and has not promoted Raman for many days. Raman always talks against him.
- 5.Gappu:- Gappu who lives near Raman but is overweight.



## Shrimatiji:-

Shrimatiji is a comic made by cartoonist Pran, which was earlier published in a magazine named Sarita. Since 1968, the comic of this character was being published continuously, which was printed on some pages of Sarita. Later, the comic of this character also started and Shrimatiji, whose name is Sheela. She is a housewife whose life is full of ironies. Shirimatiji comics are based on humor. These characters are also a small family like Raman, who create humor with new incidents of everyday life. Shirmati 's comics did not get much popularity nor did they get popularity like Chacha Chaudhary Billio Pinky. Shirimatiji is a housewife based on today's situation. She also has some friends but shrimatiji is seen dealing with problems

Shrimatiji comics character

1. Kishore:-Shrimatiji husband name.

## Channi Chachi:-

Channi Chachi is a fat woman who has her own world. This character creates a sense of humor when one reads her comics. Chachi is called Chachi by the people of the neighborhood, hence she became famous by the name Channi Chachi, although the comics of this character came in less quantity. Channi Chachi used to have tickling comics.

The comics of Channi Chachi series came very rarely but remained amazing. When I used to read Channi Chachi's comics, I liked them very much because the word 'Chachi' binds in a relationship, such comics also kept me engaged for some time.

#### Dabu:-

Dabu is a comic character whose comics were not published much. Dabu is a boy and is mostly seen with his grandfather. His comics are adventure oriented but his comics were not humorous which was of Pran sir and other characters.

# **Conclusion:-**

If we look, childhood memories are very precious, however, after losing those days, they cannot be brought back. Whenever we think about the memories of our past, our mind gets solace, that time is very important compared to today's hustle and bustle. They were peace-loving. It was not a difficult thing to



share their things with each other. Similarly, when comics were brought on rent, they would read them interchangeably. They would even fool the shopkeeper. He did not realize that these children had exchanged things with each other. Have read comics, that means paying for one and reading 2 comics, enjoying 2 comics. In those days, Chacha Chaudhary was not like any film superstar, as soon as his comics came in the market, there was a competition among the children to read it first. If someone was successful, then they would make fun of him by telling others about it. But today's children who do not live this kind of life, who have got lost in the mobile world only and are losing the golden childhood of their life in mobile, are hindering the development of those children and are not able to enjoy their innocent life because of the mobile device. are getting. And those children of the 90's enjoyed their life to the fullest, comics were a popular medium, children used to talk for a long time on this topic at many places.

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