



LESSON 13

A RELENTLESS KILLER DISEASE

NOTES:

Summary

In this story, 'A Relentless Killer disease' refers to HIV/AIDS and the effect of the disease on humanity. It is a painful story of an unfortunate man, Gopal who used to be smart, gentle and studious but fell victim to this dangerous disease. During his school days, Gopal's best friends were jealous of him and charged him with dishonesty at school. The incident made Gopal upset. One day, some friends approached him by saying that they have a medicine that will make him forget his sadness and make him happy again. Gopal fell for it and became an addict. In spite of his addiction, he finished his studies and got a government job. Over the years, he became a hardcore addict. He fell in love with Jamuna and they got married. After the birth of his second son, he came to know that he tested positive for HIV. Consequently, his wife and two children suffered a terrible fate because of this deadly disease. Life is glorious but full of pitfalls. Therefore, we should guard ourselves against these pitfalls.

Word Meaning

- *Contracted* : *got an illness*
- *Agony* : *pain*
- *Upset* : *made something feel annoyed or unhappy*
- *Fell for* : *to be tricked into something that is not true*
- *Urge* : *strong desire*

