



The Unexpected Message

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Latika sat in Shree Coaching Classes, surrounded by notebooks and the scent of freshly sharpened pencils. The year was 2018, and her focus was solely on acing her Maths exams. Across the room, Prathamesh diligently worked on a problem, seemingly oblivious to everything around him.



Latika and Prathamesh, united by their shared struggle with equations, exchanged only brief words. Their interactions were limited to practical questions about classes and schedules. They were just two students in a sea of many, each focused on their individual goals.



Years flew by, marked by the completion of their FY and SY. The coaching classes eventually came to an end. Latika and Prathamesh went their separate ways, their paths diverging into the bustling avenues of their respective lives.



One sunny afternoon, Latika's phone buzzed with an unfamiliar notification. A message from an unknown number popped up. Hesitantly, she opened it, curiosity piqued by the sender's identity.



The message was from Prathamesh. He had found her contact through a mutual friend. His words were simple, a casual 'Hi' followed by a question about how she was doing. Latika smiled, a wave of surprise washing over her.



They began to chat, their conversations initially hesitant, then gradually growing more comfortable. They discussed their lives, their dreams, and the shared memories of their time at Shree Coaching Classes. The connection, though dormant for years, now began to rekindle.



They started meeting for coffee, their conversations flowing with ease. They discovered shared interests beyond their love for numbers, from their favorite movies to their aspirations for the future. Laughter filled the air as they caught up on lost time.



As they spent more time together, a bond began to form. They found comfort in each other's company, sharing both joys and sorrows. Latika realized she looked forward to every moment spent with Prathamesh.



One evening, under a sky full of stars, Prathamesh confessed his feelings for Latika. He spoke of the impact she had on his life. Latika, her heart filled with joy, realized she felt the same way.



Latika and Prathamesh embarked on a new chapter, their friendship blossoming into a beautiful love story. The unexpected message had led them to a future filled with shared dreams, laughter, and the promise of forever.