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## Our Occupations

### Lesson Plan

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- ▶ Why do we need to work?
- ▶ What are the different types of work?
- ▶ Some occupations.

#### Objectives

- ▶ Learning why work is needed.
- ▶ What are the different kinds of work we do? Working in factories, trading, services, helping others, sports, etc.
- ▶ Some other occupations – farming, fishing, forestry, mining.

#### Teacher's Aids

- ▶ Newspapers, magazines, pictures, internet

#### Tips for Teacher

- ▶ Ask students to suggest different professions and occupations. Some children might be from economically weaker sections – it is necessary to talk about dignity of work as every occupation is important and must not be looked down upon.
- ▶ Ask what occupations they would like to follow.

#### Gear Up, Background and Reading

- ▶ Gear Up shows the picture of a woman spinning on a charkha or spinning wheel. It is a step in the process of making cloth, changing cotton into thread that will be used to weave cloth.
- ▶ Read the lesson and points to remember aloud and explain.
- ▶ We need things like food, water, a house, education, etc. For that we need money. To earn money, we need to work.

/// **Occupations** are different types of work we do to earn money – and buy what we need to improve our way of living – according to our ability and needs.

- ▶ *Farming* – main occupation in villages – grow variety of crops – fertile land – different places, different soils and climate and water availability, therefore different crops – some farmers rear cattle – dairy farming – or for meat, hide, wool, etc. –poultry farming.
- ▶ *Fishing* – main occupation of those living near water bodies – also rear fish in tanks, etc. – rice and fish is staple diet for some – also fish oil.
- ▶ *Forestry* – trees used for wood – building, fuel, paper, matchsticks, etc. – honey, herbs, lac, gum, latex [used for making rubber] etc.
- ▶ *Mining* – main occupation in areas rich in minerals like iron, bauxite, coal, petroleum, mica, manganese, gold, etc. – found in the Earth – process of digging deep to take out minerals – purify to make metals, petroleum and its products, chemicals, etc.
- ▶ Other occupations –
  - Factories : manufacture goods – cloth, sugar, vehicles, machines, plastic goods, etc., using raw material from farming, fishing, forestry and mining
  - Trading : sell things, shopkeepers, etc.
  - Help others : teachers, doctors, nurses, engineers, plumbers, mechanics, electricians, policemen, postmen, drivers, carpenters, labourers, masons, tailors, etc.
  - Sportspersons and entertainers : films, TV, etc.