

**KNOW BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR
PART 1: CHILDHOOD**

**"Without
education,
Shudras are
ruined"**

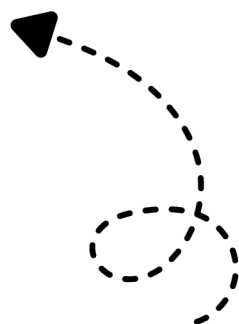
**–Mahatma Phule
(Ambedkar's guru)**

Ramji woke his son at **2 a.m**



to study before dawn, and when his **small pension** ran out buying books, he pawned the family's **jewellery** to buy more.

In Babasaheb's own words,



"My father felt great turmoil
that I should pass my BA."

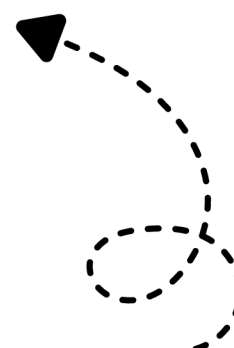
That intensity shaped the boy.

Lesson: education was the
family's weapon against
injustice.

In Satara, Bhiva met untouchability for the **first time:**

made to sit apart from other students, unable to find a barber willing to **cut his hair**, and barred from learning **Sanskrit** — allowed only English or Persian.

These humiliations didn't break him



they became the **fuel** for his
life's fight.

Lesson: he turned every insult
into a **reason to rise.**

Loneliness turned into learning.



Poor and shunned, with classmates who wouldn't befriend him and teachers who ignored him, he spent hours reading alone in a public garden. That solitude made him a lifelong, voracious reader.

Being seen by the **right** people



His **reading** in that garden was noticed by the reformist **scholar Keluskar**, who befriended him and later arranged the Baroda **scholarship** that opened the door to the wider world.

His matriculation in 1907



was such an achievement for an untouchable boy that a public celebration was held in his honour.

Lesson: keep doing your work – someone who can change your life may be watching.

Educate,

Agitate,

Organize.

–Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

