## **Kapil Kevali**

Based on 'Badi Sadhu Vandana' (An universly famous poetry composed by the great Jain saint Acharya Samrat Pujya Shri Jaymalji m.s.) this is a comic book in which the character of kapil kevali is presented in a very-very exciting manner. The small Brahmin boy, whose father expired when he was innocent, saw the chief purohit of kaushambi town, sitting on a palanquin and going in a procession on way to the palace. On seeing the pomp and show, he became escatic but soon became sad when his mother said that his father too enjoyed the same kind of facility as Rajpurohit when he was alive.. Kapil's mother also told him that he cannot emulate his father since he is illiterate. That very moment he pledged that he will study wholeheartedly. But a hurdle arose because no other teacher in his town was ready to teach him out of jealousy.

Kapil's journey to Shravasthi Town for education, his advancement in studies and subsequent trailing ultimately led to appointment of a maid servant named Kapila. He fell in love with her and both had illicit relationship leading to Kapila's pregnancy. His aspiration for earning two maasa of gold as gift from the king but lust for grabing the entire kingdom is beautifully described in the book. The turning point comes when he realises that there is no end to greed. The change of thought led to Kapil become omniscient. Kapil Kevali then inspired 500 thieves through poetic conversation and they(also) too became omniscient. This incident is available in the Jain Scripture 'Uttradhyana Sutra's 8th chapter'.

Catering to the modern needs the eye-catching colourful pictures in the book add glitter to the gold. The story based theme is an automatic attraction particularly for the young generation.