

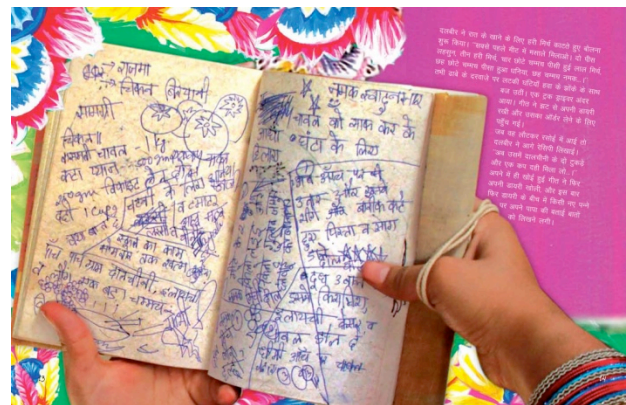
# Geet's Upside-Down Inside-Out Cookbook

As we prepare to release Be! Books into 1,000 schools in Bihar, reaching 300,000 children in Grade 9 - children are getting excited about the skill of 'being organized' in Delhi. Geet's Upside-Down, Inside-Out Cookbook (*Geet ki Utt Pataang Rasoi*) is a story of a disorganized young woman who works at a colorful *dhaba* (small restaurant) on the highway. She mixes up all her recipes, leading to disastrous—and occasionally delicious—results! Through her journey, Geet learns the importance of organizing her recipes, as well as keeping good records of everything and tracking invoices and bills to keep the *dhaba* running smoothly.

*Geet's story teaches the skill of keeping information organized.*

After reading the book, children complete an activity to understand the skill in their lives. In this case, the activity is to pretend to own a busy catering company. Children are given a series of tasks and they have to organize their calendar to avoid missing important deadlines and payments. Some of the tasks include:

- You will be catering a lunch at 1:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month for 15 people at Mr. Khanna's house. Place this event on your calendar. On separate pieces of paper, write down when you will purchase ingredients and when you will cook - everything goes on your calendar.
- It is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. You have received a bill from the phone company, and you have to make a payment in two weeks. Decide when you will make the payment.



- The wholesale vegetable market is open only from 7 am to 10 am every day, except Tuesday when it is closed, and Thursday when it is open from 6 am to 9 am. You need to shop for ingredients three times a week. Decide when and place on your calendar each week.

As they add more tasks to their calendars, children have to keep going back and prioritizing so they can get everything done. We tested the activity with eighth grade children in Delhi, and they had a lot of fun working in groups to organize their calendars.

*“Without planning, we wouldn’t have been able to do this business. There were so many tasks, and in real life our business would have failed if we didn’t organize.”*

Raju, Class 8, Arpan School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

