

The Amazing Adventures of Phulwa the Mechanic

Meet Phulwa. She is 19 years old and unlike any other girl in her dusty little village. She works as a mechanic helping her father, Ram Prasad, at his ramshackle garage on the highway.



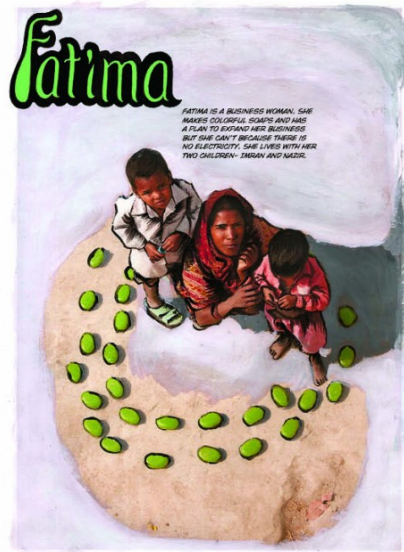
One dark night, a car breaks down on the highway. A city-*wala* pushes the car to Ram Prasad's garage and is surprised to see Phulwa there. "You're just a girl, how can you fix a car?"

Phulwa stands up for herself. "I'm the best mechanic in this whole village. I'll show you."

But Phulwa's village doesn't have electricity and without it, she can't repair the car, not even with her expert *jugaad* skills. Embarrassed and angry, Phulwa decides that enough is enough. Young men from her village have been leaving for the city in droves. There is no enterprise here and everything shuts down at dusk. It's time for things to change. She's going to find a way to bring electricity to her village.



She hunts down information and with the help of Kumar discovers a village a 100 kilometers away with light. This village generates electricity from a biomass gassifier plant. This is Phulwa's solution, but she can't do it alone. She needs to get the people in her village to contribute money to construct the biomass plant. But how will she convince Gayatri, the *sarpanch* (village head) to support her? Especially when Gayatri's scheming husband is intent on sabotaging Phulwa's plan? And how will she convince the villagers, who have long since given up on the dream of electricity?



Find out when this graphic novel comes out later this year.