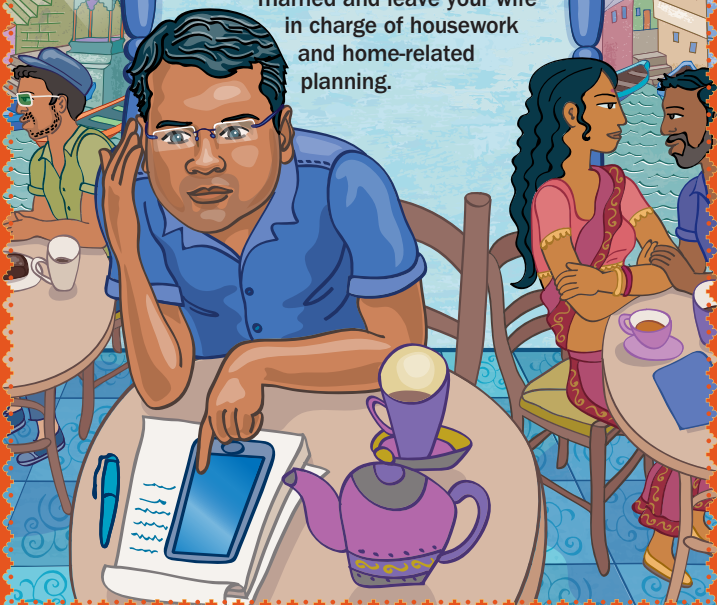# RAM KUMAR
## The public service professional

You are a 35-year-old man who works in a public institution. You are IT-savvy, one of the 'social media class'. You studied at the university and can well afford the school fees for your young son; in fact, you recently paid off some debts and now you are saving money to move to a more desirable residence, *outside* Krishna Nagar. You are married and leave your wife in charge of housework and home-related planning.

# GAME PLAY INSTRUCTIONS

*Please elaborate your answers as you get into character! Share your character's thoughts and feelings with the group.*

### Round One

**A Disaster Management Officer from the City Government comes knocking.**

**Why didn't you come to the neighbourhood meeting about the floods?** You work late and reach home very tired, at home you are responsible for teaching your children, so you don't have time. You usually get information from friends.

**How have the floods affected you and what would improve your situation?** You explain that the information about flood risks is very poor, but you pick up what news is available – you have TV, radio, mobile phone and laptop. Your office is far away and even on a normal day, it's difficult to reach home as a result of severe traffic jams. When it floods, the water makes it even harder to move around the neighbourhood and you are afraid your lack of mobility could cost you your job – you can't afford to lose it. At home, your wife complains about both the increasing price of food – and the high price of bottled water that you are buying, in order to try and keep the family safe.

### Round Two

**This time, lots more people come to the neighbourhood meeting, from diverse backgrounds.**

There is an idea for an organised network of volunteers in Krishna Nagar that would support residents who need practical help as the flood bites. This could be something you, your wife and son get involved with: checking in on and helping neighbours.

*What else is on your mind?*
*Discuss with the group.*