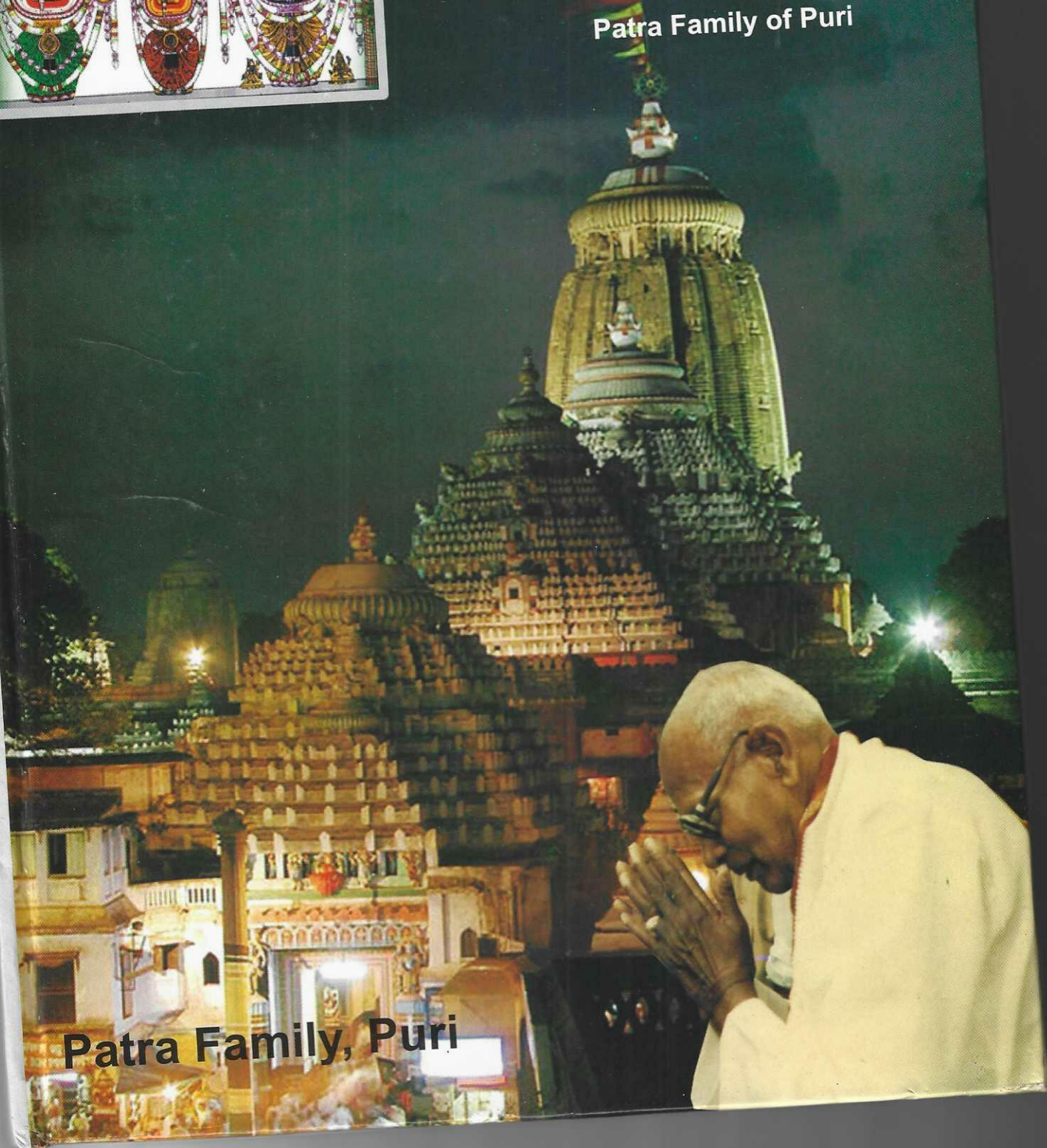




Our Story

Patra Family of Puri



Patra Family, Puri

In Loving memory of our parents

Mahalaxmi & Satyanarayan



On the occassion of first anniversary of our beloved mother

If you want your child to accept your values when he reaches his teen years, then you had be worthy of his respect during his younger days.

by -

**Raghunath
Banambar
Narsingh**

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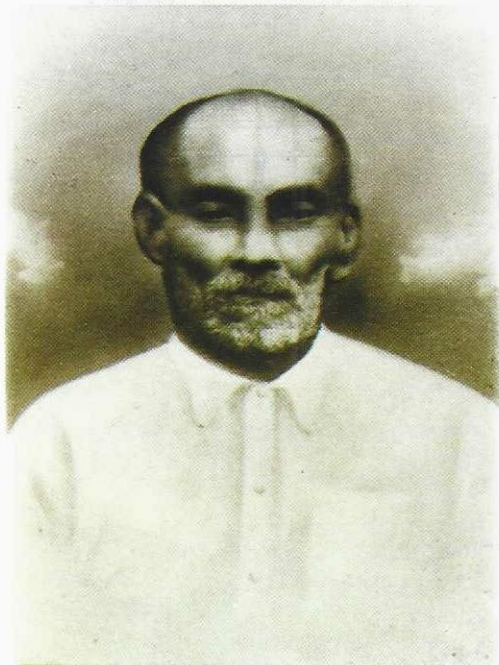
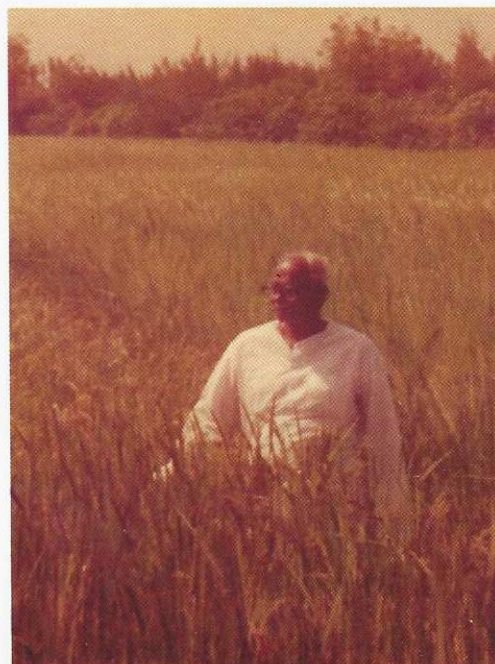
Tarnala Satyanarayan Patra

Our Story

I am happy to write this piece "Our Story" containing some biography description of our parents late SATYANARAYAN and MAHALAKSHMI and stories of their heirs. First of all our parents were persuaded to tell the story of their lives, but all our efforts bore no result.

At last I venture to do this with humility and candor telling as it is particularly for Odhisa /Oriya and the business community, especially the young generation as they have to learn a lot from this couple. My father's ingenuity, single-mindedness, foresight and dauntless courage in meeting challenges have enabled him to rise from humble beginning to a great height of attainment.

*Late T Krishna Patra (Our Grandfather)
Founder of T Krishna Patra*



*Satyanarayan In farmland at Toshali Sands
in 1970's*

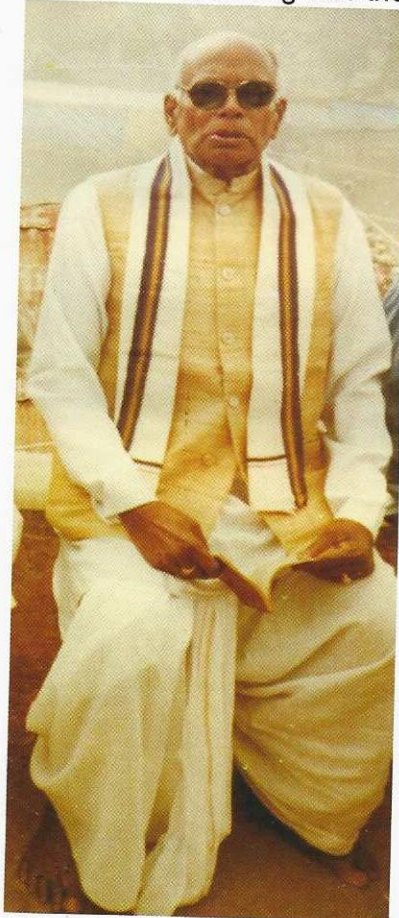
Even without the advantages of higher education, he proved that nothing is impossible in this land of opportunity which he made his home. If there were more entrepreneurs like him, Orissa would have achieved more in its economic front. His struggle can be considered part and parcel of India's development.

Our father was an exemplary corporate Indian. In the field of business he complied with every rule and regulation and policy made by the then Government of India. He understood the need to give opportunities to others. He willingly supported Government's restructuring efforts and through it he attained outstanding success in business. He was recognized as one of ten outstanding entrepreneurs of the Orissa.

Achievement of Satyanarayan's success story starts from a small trading business and changing the cashew nut jungle(virgin jungle) into a world-class resort reflecting , India's two and half decade of economic progress with many hurdles.

Natural resources and money always play a vital part in the success of nation or individual. But the success of our father is mainly due to his meticulous planning, hard work, administrative skills and entrepreneurship .

Though racial feeling was there in Puri in



those days, as a business man and Baniya by caste we have managed to maintain peace and stability, the cornerstone of economic progress.



It is in this climate that Toshali group (T Krishna Patra family) has been able to grow into a leading luxury class resort in India and particularly in the Orissa region. With strong roots and the resources it was built up with so much foresight that it has the capacity to withstand shifts in the world economy. Thus, despite the regular recession in the country.

Toshali Group has been able to forge ahead with the multi-million Indian rupee First World class Resort hotel- Toshali Sands Project.

Undoubtedly, the Group has continued in making a significant contribution to Orissa's growth, particularly in the Hospitality and Tourism industry. I would like to commend Late Satyanarayan for the special care he has taken to preserve the natural environment in developing Toshali Sands. He has shown his skill in balancing economic development with ecological preservation.

Toshali Group's commitment to the growth of the resort and its other ventures is consistent with the nation's policy of growth being domestic-driven rather than overly reliant on external sector developments, Satyanarayan, our father had often been asked by many of his friends, relatives, family members, community friends, Satsangh friends administrative officials, employees and journalists in the past to write the story of his life.

Somehow he was reluctant to do so. Perhaps, it is because he has always shied away from anything that put him in the limelight. Our father says

"Some have even called me a recluse. The truth is, I am the happiest being living and working quietly with my children and grand children". What was it then that moved to speak to my sons and son-in-laws to write about me and my wife?"



Certain words repeated over the years prompted me: "You must write"

The story of Toshali did not belong to him alone. It's part of Orissa and particularly the success story of Puri. I told our father "You have a duty to tell us. Your life is so rich in experience. It would be a waste not to share it."

At last I started writing few chapters; but I was ambivalent about letting those see the light of the day.

Our father adds "On the occasion of 20th Anniversary of Toshali Group in the year 2004. On such a significant occasion, I was persuaded to release the history of Toshali

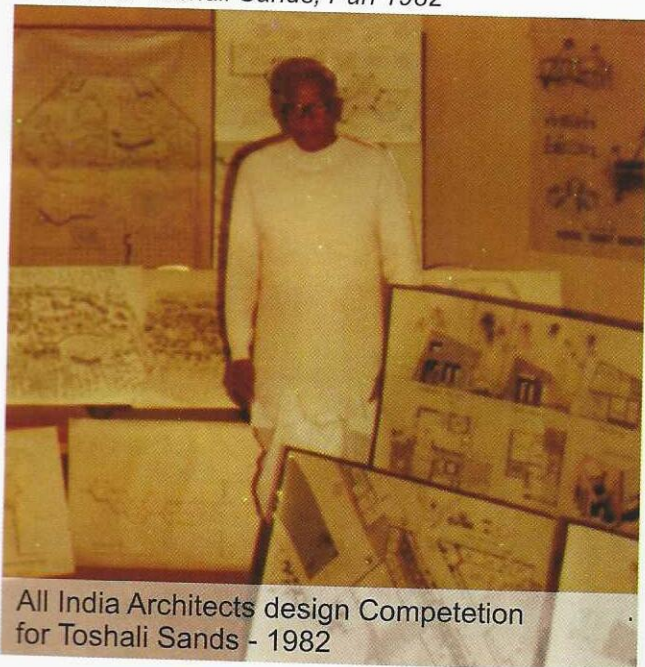
before my leaving this world as I have already reached the age of 90 and my memories are failing though I am strong to manage to some extent my own life with my family. Even then I would witness this special occasion. I'm now in my Nineties. It's time to tell the whole story.

I do not have a great success story to tell or a great lesson in entrepreneurship to teach the world. I just feel that I have a duty to fill a gap in Orissa's corporate history and to share my experience because my name, to many, has become synonymous with Toshali. My story will no doubt satisfy the curiosity of many who are interested in knowing about me, a simple man with a vision. Any forward looking person who is ready to work hard at the right place, is there at the right place, opportunity and favourable time, can succeed.

Though I dedicated most of my past days having the smallest share of investment without looking for name and fame I was always keen that the resort should be taken care by my children. So that I would be burden less and be the happiest man and pass my life peacefully.

I am what many call a traditional Oriya entrepreneur, or more plainly, a Oriya Kumuti businessman. I can speak in my mother tongue Oriya, , Bengali, Telugu, Hindi and broken English. I communicate in my native Oriya language, as I was educated in a primary school "Anglo Bengali English Medium School" up to 5th standard at times. On my business tour, I use to take my sons to be my interpreters. Despite my apparent deficiency in learning

Plans For Toshali Sands, Puri 1982



All India Architects design Competetion
for Toshali Sands - 1982

languages communication seems to be the least problem in my dealings with others. Perhaps certain personal traits of mine help me much while dealing with others.

Parental teachings in a traditional Oriya family have taught me to be humble, polite and respectful to others. Those who know me know that I don't put on airs. I can rub shoulders with tycoons and high officials; I can also get along fine with hawkers and manual workers. When it comes to appointments, I have a habit of being punctual. Once I promise to meet someone, I always make it a point to arrive few minutes before the appointed time. To me, all appointments are important.

I do not make excuses to cancel an

appointment just because the other party is not so important . When I was young, I was shy and introvert because of my little education".

As an attempt to overcome this shyness I reached out positively with friendliness and sincerity and could win friends instantly. Since then, the same approach has never failed me in interacting with others. The friends of my children are always friends to me.

Our father Satyanarayan says about his life,



Ex-Chief Ministers of Orissa Sri JB Pattanaik, Smt Nandini Satpathy & ex-chief Secretary Sri Ajit Tripathi IAS

"I live a simple and discipline life. Habitually, I get up early but have no fixed time for going to bed. Sometimes, I stay up late going through my business records and documents or pondering on some issues. Even in my sleep, I would wake up with some ideas and start

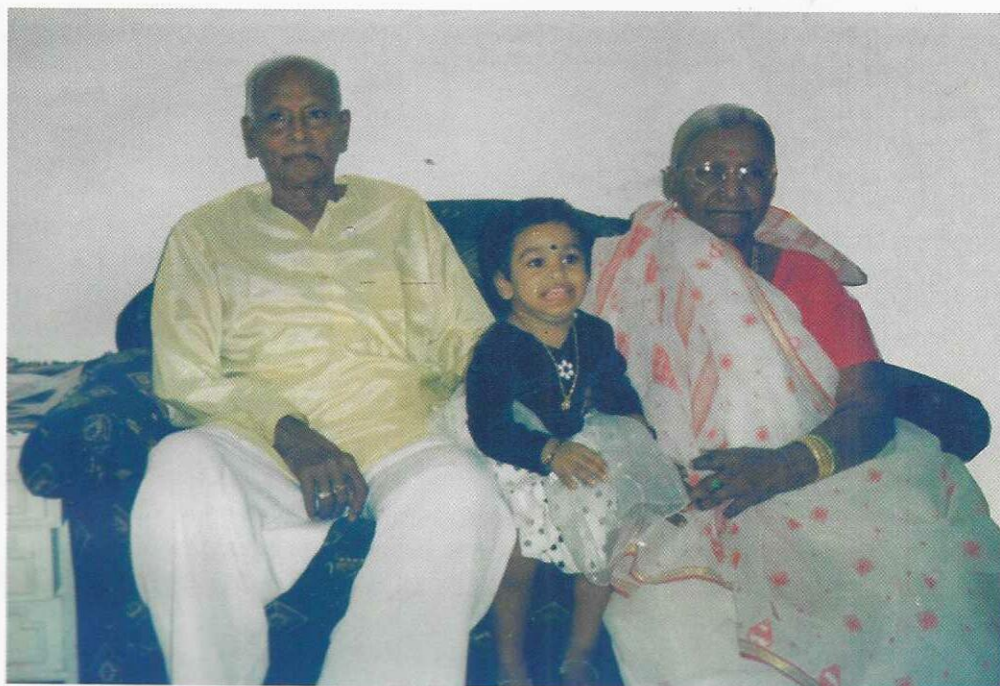
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making some notes. I have a habit of carrying a piece of paper to record anything that comes to my mind. It also serves as my diary for appointments and things to do for the day. This way, I do not have to be reminded by others. Usually, on arrival at my office or my business place, I would take it out of my pocket and start assigning tasks orally. Upon completion of each task, I would strike it out one by one.

I am well known to my colleagues and staff as a tough taskmaster, but those who work with me can vouch that I drive myself just as relentlessly as I do for others.

I believe the way to succeed is not only to be efficient but also to be able to do things



in the shortest possible time. In the commercial world, quick actions and responses are essential."

Readers will find our father's story littered with such instances. One of which was that once a few travel agents complained some times that our resort tariff was high in a small town like Puri. After listening it from Narsingh(Kuna), my younger brother, my father in 1986 spoke to our staff and sons in a meeting, though the quality accommodation is given by the resort is much superior in comparison to the rooms and services provided by similar hotels in Puri. I announce hereby to cut the rates instantly. Not being used to split-second corporate decisions, those travel agents were taken aback. I was aware that the resort that we built is with high interest on the borrowing.

My father adds further, "My friends and colleagues have wondered at my working style - why I should be on the ground with the workers every inch of the way starting from building the hotel. I believe in hands-on supervision and doing my own trouble-shooting. That way, I can be sure that everything is meticulously done.

I believe in the power of conviction. When I make a decision and believe strongly that it is the right one, I will go ahead with it, no matter what odds I am up against. My decision to go ahead with the development of Toshali Sands into a holiday resort is now a well-known example of how "stubborn" I could be when I made up my mind.

Another example is how I handled Toshali's application for "four star status". During the early stage of development of Toshali Sands, I knew a tax break was absolutely essential for ploughing back profits to accelerate resort infrastructure development. So, when I was told that under existing tax laws, resort development was not a qualifying activity that enabled me to apply for four star status, I could not accept it as a fact

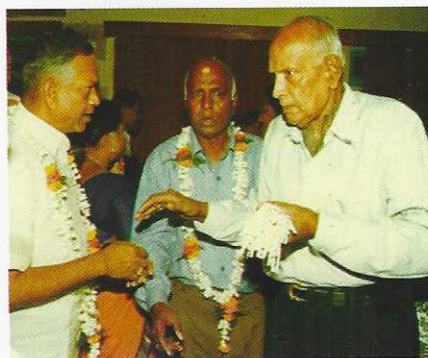


Launching of product at Toshali Royal View

about which I could do nothing and instructed my son Banambar to take up this issue with the Department of Tourism, Government of India and the resort must be classified as Four star resort at any way". Toshali Sands Resort was classified as Four Star Resort in the year 1989.

Our Father on the art of business says, positively

"In business, I believe in going step by step, slowly but surely. I prefer to seek out opportunities with good potential and build on them. Besides getting the satisfaction of nurturing a venture from infancy to maturity, I avoid stepping on others' toes and making enemies, which is often unavoidable in hostile takeovers. My aversion to bank borrowings since 1970 in my trading business is only because of my good standing as a proprietor of my trading business and my transaction with FMCG products of those days. Banks started calling me in Puri because of our outstanding reputation in the market to extend cash credit for my trading and high profile corporate battles have inevitably given rise to the impression that I am conservative.



But I don't see pragmatism and steadiness as liabilities when these have helped me to emerge with the present business. My family's hard work also helped me to grow our business.

The support I could get from my son-in-law Padmanav along with my son Banambar to set up business with the brand name T. Krishna Patra at Bhubaneswar in 1969 was a remarkable one.

To be sure, I do have a healthy appetite for risk taking that is quite uncharacteristic of a businessman. I believe that to succeed in business, one has to be bold; but cautious. Once a decision is made with sound reasoning, the rest is hard work, determination and perseverance to see it through to fruition. Cutting corners and resorting to trickery and deceit are never my cup of tea. I firmly believe there is no shortcut to success. I have always taught this to my children and those worked with me in the entire business life.

Many have wondered how a Oriya and English broken -speaking Oriya from citizen without the education and benefit of modern management training manages to build up and run a large organization like Toshali Sands. During the early days when everything was much simpler, decision-making was very much a matter of business sense, personal judgment and, at times, gut feeling on my part. But as Toshali Sands grew and diversified into timeshare business, the only resort could be chosen by the world's the largest Timeshare company RCI for affiliation our name Toshali sands resort. It gave a great surprise to local hotel owners.



Satsang friends at Malad East Home in Mumbai

The hard work and the reputation of my sons and colleagues has created the brand name arrangement, in the national and international market the brand name. I realized the importance of informed decision-making based on objective, professional evaluation.

I am glad to say that my children and the team of capable managers around me have been able to take care of the vital groundwork, leaving me to concentrate on macro decision-making.

Once a decision is made, I would entrust my sons and managers with the task of working out the details for implementation.

When it comes to delegation of responsibilities, I always abide by this policy: If I don't trust a person, I won't employ them.

I believe the most valuable asset of a company is its people. At Toshali Sands, we are fortunate to have a pool of dedicated, hardworking employees many of whom have been with the company since its inception decades ago.



With Toshali Team at Toshali Royal View, Shimla

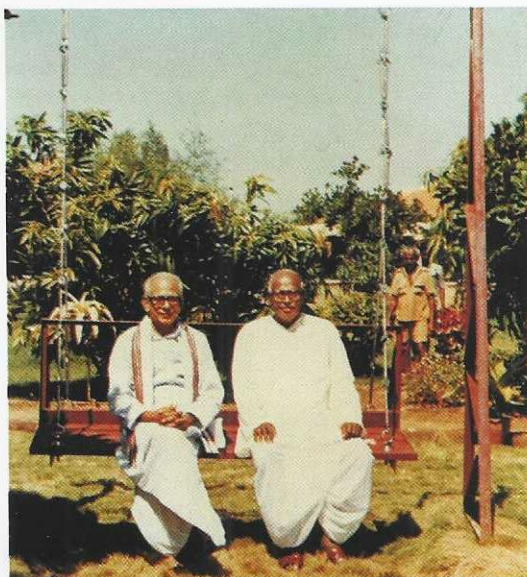
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Toshali Sands and I have come a long way from the time the state Government and local administrative authorities started taking initiative to develop the Marine drive Road, an attractive driveway for tourists visiting Puri. Similarly the location that we built the resort had no permanent road, in the beginning and was just 16 feet wide with many rubbles and potholes up to Balighai Chak, Without electricity and telephone connection on the whole location for a distance of over 30 KMs from Puri till Konark, the seat of the Sun Temple one of the UNESCO sites of the world.. Even there were days when there used to be no power available for over 8-10 hours in a day in the resort and sometimes such waiting increased to 60 hrs. My son Narsingh use to take pains with the



resort staff and electrical line men to patrol the area at mid night to ensure that the power was available for the resort's guests.

The forest officers also started restricting the entry to the beach and troubling the domestic and international guests. The forest officials started constructing a gate prohibiting the tourist's entry to the beach from the resort. Looking back, I have no regrets. I see the hand of fate in the twists and turns of my life.

I am grateful to the Lord Shree Jagannath for blessing me with good luck and success in the development of Toshali Sands. I am also grateful for being blessed with a large, happy extended family of 81 persons with children, grandchildren and great grand children.



Flagging a relief team of Toshali Staff for Super Cyclone affected areas of Orissa

At this old age of mine and at a time when all my undertakings appear to be on track, isn't it time for me to go home and play with my grandchildren and let my successor take over completely from me?

This is a question on everyone's lips.

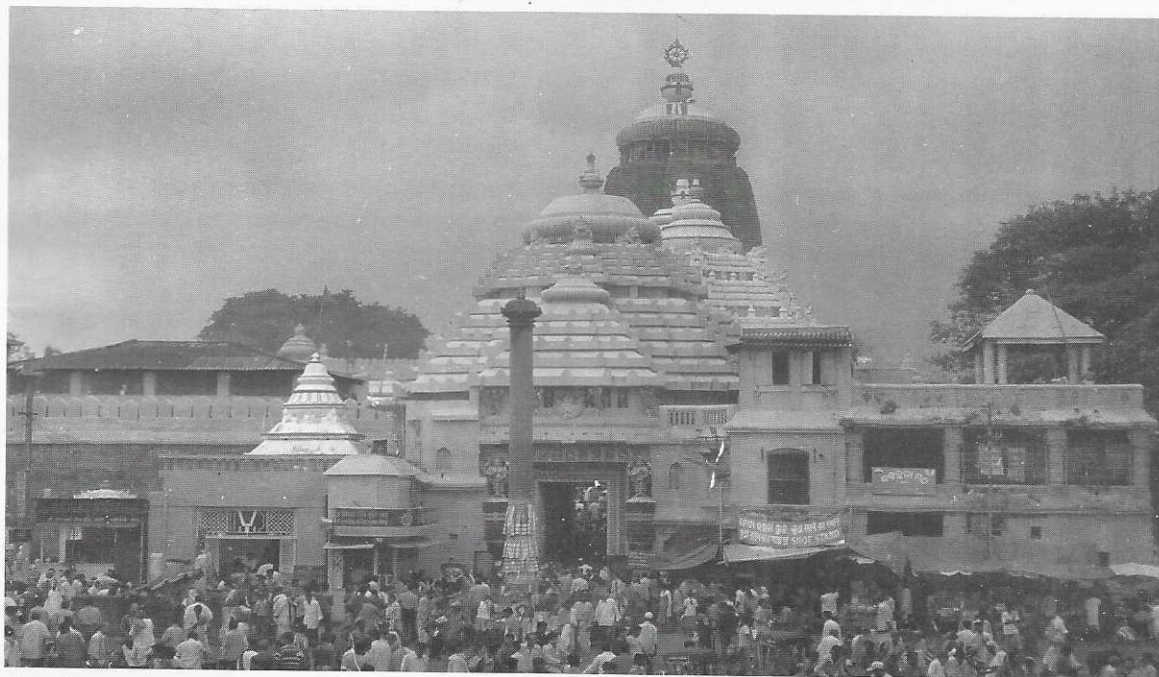
But do allow me the indulgence of keeping the answer in suspense for a little longer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in one way or another, particularly our family members, for bringing out this truth of my life.



BEGINNINGS

Our father was born in 27 Jan 1916, Thursday at Suar Sahi, Puri, Orissa. The holy place of Lord Shree Jagannath, known as Sankha Khetra. During his days, Puri was a remote, picturesque place sprawling over 10 Mile. Its residents were mostly engaged in Shree Jagannath temple assignment work, living a simple, peaceful, contented life.

Our forefathers originated from a village called Kukudakhandi a remote village in Ganjam District. At an early time, they migrated to Puri and settled down in Puri town. They have been living here for many generations till the days of my father.



Our Parents

Our grandfather's father was Tarnala Ramahari Patra and our grand father (father's father) T. Krishna Patra. We have heard from our father, Satyanarayan that from generations the inheritance from father to one son has been continued till his generation. Our father Satyanarayan had four sisters in the family. The sisters were Surya mani, Ratnamani, Jhulanmani and Gourimani

Our father was an upright man, loved and respected by everyone. There used to be disagreement in the family as well as in the community about his outspoken attitude. In his life he has been awarded much prestigious recognition and was also the leader in many a social organization.

Our parents complemented each other epitomizing traditional Oriya Kumuti family values. We have only a vague impression of our father Satyanarayan who lost his father at the age of 41 and he lost his mother when he was just 12 years old. T.Krishna Patra was a typically stern father of that time, rather solemn and in the habit of cuddling his children and talking affectionately to them. But his earnest teachings are ingrained in me and I have no doubt about his love for his children, says Satyanarayan.



Our mother Mahalaxmi:

It is said that for every success of man, there is a woman behind him. Our mother, Mahalaxmi, did not come from a rich family though her forefathers were the rich families before she was born in Puri. But when she was born the family had not much of assets and by the time of her marriage with our father they were just very average family. It was an arranged marriage. We have heard that they used to have lots of properties and wealth in Puri. The family had a great relationship with the KING OF PURI.

Our mother suffered from Small pox in her child hood and she completely was unwell just before her marriage to our father. It was our grand father's choice because of the relationship and reputation of both families in those days.

There was some dispute to bring our mother home but our grand father was in agreement of our mother Mahalaxmi's father, kept his commitment to bring her as daughter-in-law of the family irrespective of disagreements.

But she always had the cardinal principles of life in mind and excelled in her role as a virtuous wife and good mother. A gentle, affable lady with strong religious beliefs, she loved her family deeply and set great story by proper upbringing for her children. While our father was busy with his retail and wholesale business of dealing in stationeries, toiletries and Govt supplies, and other items, our mother held the fort at home, caring for her eight children and sister-in laws

She had to do a lot of heavy work at home despite so many family members at home. Without any complain she has been assisted by one of old maid of the house called Agi Awa. The couple (Satyanarayan and Mahalaxmi) worked perfectly as a team, in line with the age-old Indian thinking that the man should take charge of external affairs and the woman of domestic matters.

Being the one in closer and more frequent contact with us, our mother and father naturally have left a more lasting memory in us as a doting parent. We love and respect our parents. Even now, when we have become already a silver-haired octogenarians, we still miss both of them deeply, especially our mother. Her words, her loving gaze, still live vividly in our mind. Those who know us well know that we have pictures of our parents in our homes offices and in our bedrooms.

Parental Teachings

From a very early age, my parents had been tirelessly inculcating in us with traditional Oriya virtues. They kept telling us the importance of diligence and perseverance. Having set out to do something, they said, we should not give up halfway or be swayed easily into embarking on something else.

We should strive ahead single-mindedly, face problems squarely and try to resolve them and persevere until we succeed eventually.

Such parental teachings have a profound impact on us and had helped us in many useful ways of life. Among other things, I have learnt that once I make a commitment to do something, I must try my best to accomplish it. This has remained a pivotal principle in all my

undertakings.



Our parents also reminded us constantly to be down-to-earth in life and that "modest wealth comes from frugality and great wealth is Heaven's will": Right from childhood, our mind has been etched with the values that we should stay on the right track, work hard, avoid cutting corners and achieve our goals in a progressive, pragmatic way. I also remember my parents' frequent exhortation: "Do good to others and you'll be rewarded somehow." On many occasions in our life, their words have proven to be true.

When we think of it, our parents' teachings and exhortations were the best education that we have had. If we have achieved anything in our life, we would like to dedicate it to our parents. Without their earnest teachings and devotion to our upbringing, we don't think we would be what we are today.

Origin of My Name

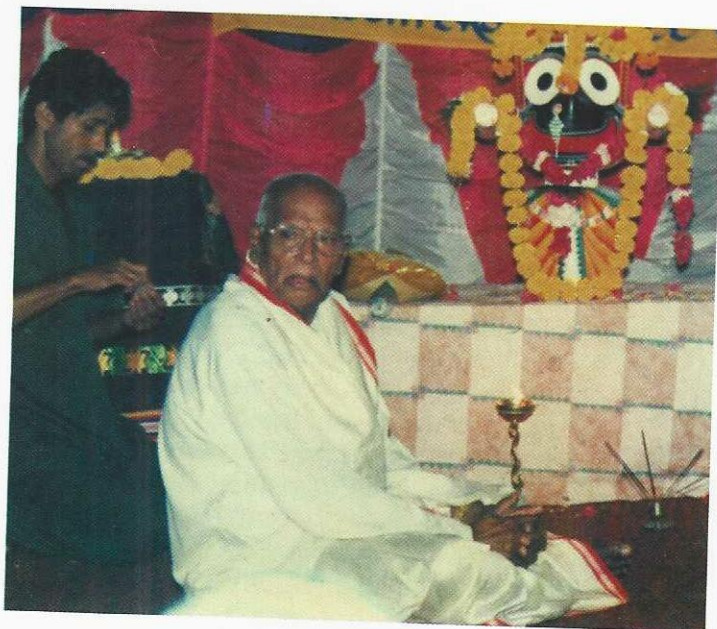
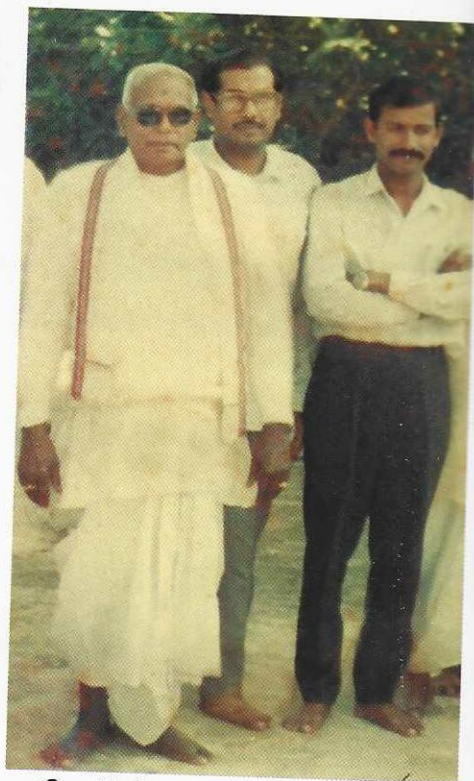
According to our family tree in every fifth generation the name of the eldest son has to be named again for the shake of the family. But the same could not be retained with the present generation.

But somehow, our names do not conform to the designations. We do not know why the principle has changed, though we use to hear from our father Satyanarayan.

Our father's Siblings:

Satyanarayan was the second child among the six members of our family. He used to be the eldest male member of the family. One elder sister: Suryamani, Other sisters and brother are Ratnamani, Jhulanmani, Shyam Sundar brother and Gaurimani younger sister. Shyam Sunder was adopted by maternal family of his mother.

Soon after our father Satyanarayan was born,



Our Father with Uncle Shyam

Suryamani, who was twelve years senior sister got married to Ramamurty and stayed for some time at home and left for her father-in-law's village called Suringigurd a remote village in Ganjam was a rich family having five brother in laws and her husband. In those days Child marriages were common.

But due to the poor income of the family the status of the family got ruined and she after few years had to return back to Puri with her husband Rammurti Subudhi along with their four sons and two daughters.

They were also dependant on our family which we use to hear from our parents. They started their small business trading and their children had to take shelter at our home. In those days they were dependant also as family members. But those laid to our grand father Krishna to manage their family. In the mean time eldest son passed away. He left behind sons Padmanav, Jagannath & Simadri, and daughters Tribeni & Sarla.

The second sister Ratnamani married in our lane (Suar Sahi) having a large joint family have six brothers including her husband Bhimasen. We have heard from our father Satyanarayan that Bhimasen and our father took birth on the same day but to speak to about Bhimasen's family, they had grocery business and a regular supplier to the Shree mandir temple Supakars (The cooks those who cook for the temple for Mahaprasad Puja in the Shree Jagannath Temple, but in course of time the family got a family division. Ratnamani and Bhimsen had six sons Kasinath, Biswanath, Somnath, raghunath, surendranath & Jagannath and two daughters - Manorama & Sulochana.

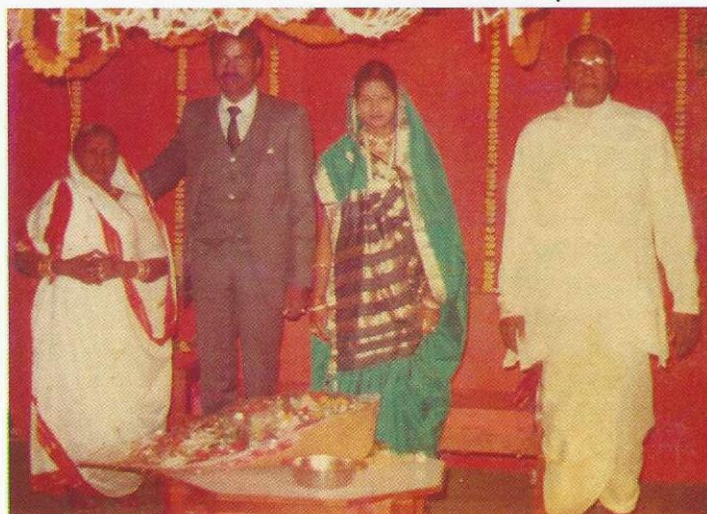
The sister Jhulanmani got married to Gangadhar, use to be from a reputed family of Puri having business at the boundary wall of Shree Jagannath Temple at Laxmi Bazar and also the neighboring shop of our father's family shop. Jhulanmani being the only daughter in law and sinter-in-law and son Gangadhar of their family, our father's sister was well taken care in their family. Jhulanmani has three sons Jaidev, Suryanarayan & Bijoy and one daughter - Geeta.

We have explained that the brother of our father was adapted to some other family, there never used to be much information about him and he also passed away at early age. The property they had was one single storied building in Suar Sahi and the house was transferred to our family. The same house was gifted to our sister Sakuntala in the year 1955 in her marriage to Padmanav.

Gourimani married to Braja Sunder, a school teacher at Banpur in a rich large joint family and he was an upright person. Braja Sunder had two more brothers. They adopted a son



With his relatives assembled for a family function in 1970's



from their elder brother Lingaraj and also adopted a small girl from his younger brother Harihar. Later on they got these children educated. Today his son Surendranath is a reputed local doctor and a social worker in his village Banpur and our fourth sister Sandhya is married to Dr Surendranath. The daughter Mamata (Kuni) became the daughter in law of our family and married to our younger brother Narsingh (Kuna).

The life in those days was rustic.

Though they were not so well off, our family fortunately was a warm and happy one. Our parents had a happy childhood and they had the opportunity to start studying the Odishan culture from the very beginning. Our father, when he was child of 8 years used to visit Jagaghar and Akhedas of Puri for exercise, the Oriya tradition in his time. He had plenty of friends with less education and associated with Shree Jagannath temple service. That might be one of the reasons that our father did not get opportunity for further education, instead he (Satyanarayan) used to help his father in their small trading of his time

Disaster Struck:

T.Krishna Patra passed away after being bedridden for eight months due to fracture in his leg in the year 1955 when our father was forty one year old.

The dependants of the family were large very many and our grandfather was always associated with social work and a person who travels every year on pilgrimage to many parts of India and never bothered for the trading much. To our knowledge our father was the only bread winner of the family, and he was forced to get in to business at the age of nine after leaving the school As the only son, he had to take over the heavy burden of feeding many mouths in the family.

After getting over the shock and pain of his father's demise, he took over his petty trading business, though he was handling before. We still remember he had to manage his business with lots of hardship even borrowing for his small business from local families and also the sources of his earning from the agriculture income as our grandfather had few acres of agricultural land at about at a distance of 15 kms from Puri a village called Dhol near Chandanpur in Puri District.

As it turned out, tagging along with his father was one thing, but going of his own stream in business was another. But we can say that he used to be a very sharp, aggressive and hard working person. He was beset by all sorts of problems. But whenever we ask and check with him, he admits that the business only can grow if you have the tenacity to do sincere and hard work with involvement.

He used to give examples of his early days as to how he retained his relationship with his customers. Some times he used to explain that some days he had very poor sales because of the poor weather conditions of Puri in monsoon time in months of July and August. After the biggest religious car festival of Puri, which is performed for about a month and the tourists from nearby states such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and UP visit to Puri on pilgrimage.

Puri, besides being a pilgrim town is the district head quarter having administrative and judicial offices for which there are a lot of daily commuters to Puri from rural areas of the district in connection with official and private activities.

He explains that sometimes he failed to make even a single sale. That night, he tossed and turned in bed in frustration and could not hold back his tears.

Life as a trader and seller was tough. The duty starts from early morning and there use to be a break on the mid-day because of humidity in the town, our father after lunch used to have a nap and rejuvenated himself for late work up to twelve in the midnight.



Honestly we can say that he was a hard working person. He has always concern for the comforts of his family and children.

His eldest son Raghunath started assisting him at the age of fourteen. We have heard that he used to have many local friends who discouraged him to continue his study, since our father used to be only bread earner for the family and our brother started associating with few friends trying to dissuade him from studies, our father finally decided that Raghunath should join the business and assist him in his trading. With 8th standard education he got involved in business and assisted our father for the growth of the business of trading.

As a trader and shop keeper, he had to depend on the nearby wholesale trading market which is

an overnight journey to Kolkata. He used to visit in every 15 days for purchases and he had a second hand to support to him in his business. From the early age the family had luxurious living, the same is found also with our father and brother Raghunath. With the assistance of Raghunath in the trade, a few thousand of amount borrowed for business, which was quite a tidy sum in those days were repaid because of their hard work.

After the death of our grand father, our father had to give marriage to two of our sisters Sakuntala and Harapriya and our elder brother Raghunath.

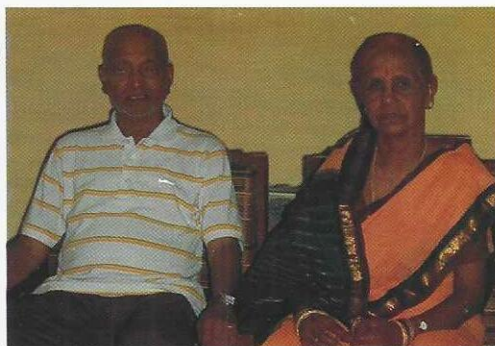
In Oriya tradition there use to be the dowry system. The year 1955 was crucial year for our father. As per tradition a big party is organized and the nearest and distant relatives and friends are to be invited for these occasions involving high a traditional expenses. The only bread earners in the family were two - our father and Raghunath our eldest brother. It was necessary to share with gold ornaments with other house hold articles to the married daughters.

As the earning was not much and dependants were many in the family including children and also the family of Suryamani, as the sister's family had not started business in those days, it was hardship for our family.

Our brother-in-law Padmanav could get a Government clerical job after his matriculation. He was brought up in our family and married to Sakuntala, the elder daughter.



The house which was transferred to our father after the death of his younger brother Shyam Sunder, the house was given as dowry to Sakuntala and Padmanav and they got settled in that house.



In the wake of a continuing threat from China and Pakistan for our country, the situation of trading became worse. There used to be black out in Puri for days together there came varieties of Andolons (strike) for many political issues and demand of separate states and the growth of the state and country. As a result there was a closer of business for some time and used to be the shortage of consumer products and rises of prices on baby foods and batteries. The country for some time remained under threats from outside causing security problem and declining business.

I remember that I (Banambar) was to just complete my B. Com degree course from one of the best colleges of Orissa, Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. The college has a reputation in the country and in the state because of quality education in my time and before. Kanika Library of my college is known to be one of the great libraries in Orissa for its collection of books, magazines, and study materials.

I used to visit the library in every week once to gather information on education and general knowledge. Though I was generally not a book worm but the books naturally warmed up me. More than reading I generally like to come in touch with the books. Today the same habit remains with me and where ever I visit in India or outside, I must spare some time with few books to borrow or gather some knowledge from those books and even at times I try to purchase books for my reading. I may not read the whole or part of the book but I make sure that at least few chapters I should read to gather knowledge. The students of Ravenshaw College are called as "Ravenshawvians". I will write more about me and my family in my autobiography.

In 1967 we lost Agi Awa our family help who was staying with us as a family member for the last fifty years and a true helping hand to our mother during all these years. Our mother was a very hardworking lady and with so many children and national guests at home. She used to manage our household with our sister in law and Agi Awa. After the passing away of Agi awa she was shocked greatly along with other members of the family like other Indian women

After my graduation, our father decided that I should join his traditional trading business despite my brother Raghunath supporting me for further studies. But he had no patience and wanted me to join and support the family. .



Inspite of my unwillingness I had no other way but to join his trading business in the whole sale and retail front in Puri. Many of my friends joined and went for their higher education in Puri SCS College, Utkal University and Ravenshaw College but at that time I was not happy to work under my brother and father in Puri as most of my close friends were in Bhubaneswar or Cuttack. In order to learn and gain practical knowledge in business I worked under my brother and father for five months as a trainee. It really worked for me and I learnt the basics of sales on retail and whole-sale of consumer products on stationery and whole sale of FMCG products. Even I did not get time to for my friends during vacation after appearing the examination in Ravenshaw college, but there is always a desire of feeling of leaving Puri and to fulfill the wishes of my father and brother how to expand the business and set up trend in the family for youngers for better education and good business sense for them.

I was definitely a positive human being and understood the family values from my childhood and always thought of to support the family instead of staying away. I respect the hard ship of my father which I have seen in my own eyes and to my knowledge he was one of the great hard working persons of his time.

Both our brother , Raghunath and father Satyanarayan were equally concerned about our better business prospect.

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First Bhubaneswar Venture:

On the 15th of August 1969 in the morning as it was a business holiday on the occasion of Independence day of India, both of our father and brother decided to visit Bhubaneswar and look for opening of second showroom in the same brand name T. Krishna Patra having similar type of business as they had the immense experience in this trade. They came back home at late night and informed that they had finalised a showroom and a residence on rent to start the new business venture of trading house at Bhubaneswar in the prime location on the main road at Bapuji Nagar and the residential house at Gautam Nagar. But one of the top questions that came to their mind was that I am learner and might not be able to run the business. At that time our sister Sakuntala and brother-in-law Padmanav were staying at Bhubaneswar after being transferred to Bhubaneswar on Government job. Both my brother and father persuaded the couple to start a business in the fitness of things. Fortunately Padmanav agreed to join me in the business there in Bhubaneswar for which he opted for voluntary retirement from Govt. Service.

The new business showroom venture at Bapuji Nagar, Bhubaneswar was inaugurated on 5th of November 1969 with many invitees and it was a successful opening. Our business in Bhubaneswar started supporting the family and in solving the problems as well as meeting public expenses of my father. Our father started visiting us regularly in order to give advice and training and motivation.

Our father's eldest sister and Padmanav's mother Suryamani passed away in the month of March, 1970. Padmanav's father stayed with us in the same house. The business started doing well and gradually the interest of the family increased towards Bhubaneswar because of good performance. We were able to meet expenses of the home and the life style of the family started changing. But there was always risk in this new venture as I and Padmanav have heard many failures of many businessmen of Puri at Bhubaneswar.

But we have the determination to succeed. We in Bhubaneswar felt like working in a foreign land and continued to think high in case we fail, we won't be able to show our face in Puri, our native place. On the other hand, in such misfortune the only alternative would be that Padmanav would again get back to his Govt. Job and I to return back to Puri. But I made up my mind and was determined to work hard and show up my performance at any cost. So I started working for fourteen to sixteen hours a day in my early trading days I was all along reminded of my father's hard work, his words ingrained in me ever since I started working and have had a great influence in my dealings with others in later years.

As the ship sailed away in unknown sea, I had very little idea as to what I wanted to achieve. My attitude then was to take things as they came along in the trading.

I told myself that I would be content with being able to earn enough in order to send a good amount of money to enrich our family at Puri to support to our father for solving the problems like our sister's marriages. Actually, during those days, the burden on our father more and I wanted to maintain the family values and provide adequately for the family. Anything beyond this was a remote, extravagant dream.

I was feeling grateful (says Banambar) that fate had been so kind to me with blessing of our parents that we could do well in our trading. I would never forget the kindness of our brother Raghunath and father Satyanarayan to me. In the initial years as a new comer to business at Bhubaneswar. I came to learn certain local dealings and manners and picked it up business ethics quickly and managed comfortably especially the Govt employees of the capital of Orissa. In my dealing with customers I got tremendous satisfaction and encouragement.



In the year 1971 our sister Bishnupriya got married to Baidyanarayan, a under matriculate from Brahmanpadar near to Bhanjanagar in Ganjam. Our father had to sacrifice a lot to support Bishnupriya as she was most affectionate one of our parents, even to the extent he assigned our sister Sakuntala and me to take care of her in all respects at Bhubaneswar as she gave birth to a premature girl child.

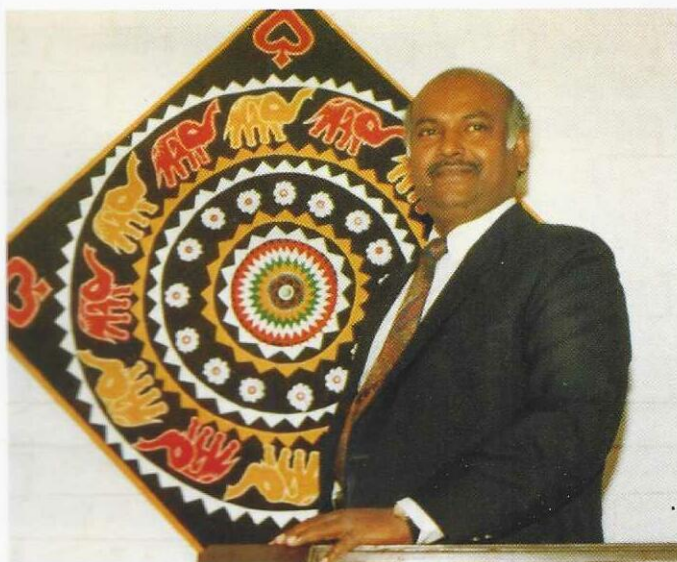
Baidyanarayan was simple village boy having full of fun in the village though he belong to a rich family but before the marriage, his parents made a division of the family and he mostly lost of his assets in gambling which were not much known to our father before marriage. There are five more brothers and one sister and the information given by his third brother that Baidyanarayan has been exploited by his brothers of his assets. When we heard about this just before marriage ceremony as it was difficult to change the candidate for our sister Bishnupriya for marriage as the engagement ceremony was over.

However, with the support of our sister Sakuntala and me and full support of our father , Baidyanarayan and Bishnupriya stayed near us. But till the end of his life our father was always concern about Bishnupriya's peaceful life.

In the year 1972 the marriage of Sandhyarani was fixed with Dr Surendranath, the son of our father's sister and brother in law and the marriage was performed. In the same year and at the same time Banambar married to Rajeswari in Berhampur in a reputed family having gold business.

In 1980 Sanjukta the youngest daughter got married to a bank employee Manmadh of Sompeta in Andhra Pradesh. In the year 1986 the third son Narsingh married to Mamata the daughter of Baurimani and Braja Sunder of Banpur

Now at this stage of his life our father, Satyanarayan as the head of the family has successfully organized the marriages of his grand children and daughter except of course, two of his grand daughters who are now in colleges. Every member of his family is well settled by the grace of Almighty.



- T Banambar Patra

FATHER

Collected & Compiled by T. Raghunath Patra

Father I will always be
that same boy who stood
by the sea
and watched you tower
over me
now I'm older I wanna be
the same as you" – Yellowcard

My father gave me the
greatest gift anyone could
give another person, he
believed in me. – Jim Valvano

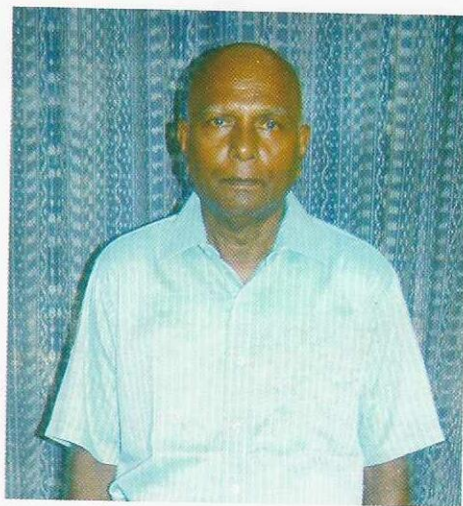
I've had a hard life, but
my hardships are nothing
against the hardships that
my father went through in
order to get me to where I
started. – Bartrand Hubbard

One father is more than a
hundred Schoolmasters. – George Herbert

Fatherhood is pretending
the present you love most
is soap-on-a-rope. – Bill Cosby

It is not flesh and blood
but the heart which makes
us fathers and sons. – Johann Schiller

A father carries pictures
where his money used to
be. – Unknown



सुंदर सी परी

प्रणय पात्र



दादी रानी, दादी रानी
परी बनी तुम कहाँ छुपी हो।
सबके सामने ना रही पर
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मेरे संग पापा मम्मी
के भी कष्ट मिटाती हो।
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“मेरी प्यारी दादी रानी”।



Vivek from San deigo, USA

My memory on Awa

Awa is great!

My early years at Gulmohar Park Residence was wonderful. I do not remember much of my childhood but the pictures available in the Delhi albums, I always try and see those pictures that how Awa and Tatta were loving people of this earth. I stayed for a good time in my childhood in Singapore, Tatta visited us during my early years and very very affectionate. My friends at San-deigo ask me what india is like the first thing that comes to mind is that the depth of genuine love, warmth, caring and generosity I've seen in my homeland are beyond anything that I've experienced elsewhere.

One of the primary persons in my life who embodied these characteristics and helped me in forming this impression is my Awa and Tatta. Their unconditional love, affection and positive spirit are unsurpassable. One of the fondest memories I associate with this genuine love, is her relentless persistence in seeing that I did not escape from them. Specially Awa created such a comfortable atmosphere in their home that I loved staying there during my trips to India. I will forever miss her smile and the radiant energy that she exuded. I visited Gurgaon in the month of June 2008 and stayed with our Awa, Aja and Aei. It was my fortune that I had the similar feeling that how she was so affectionate at the age which I was told that she is over 90 and remembers me that I am the son of Jyotshna and Chandra.



Shining Smile of Jejeama

Still remember the pizza hut time spent with Jejeama.. when she thought the ringing of the bell was that of the temple but actually a thanks giving custom...so innocent was my Jejeama with whom I spent time in mumbai... met her in Shimla before but realised what role does a grandma play in your life when she was in Mumbai!!! be it me and Tina stuck up in exams or any school function Jejeama always sprang up n hit us with all the love and inspirations (still cherish the photo with Jejea and Jejeama on the teachers day celebrations with me in a saree...)

Be it an evening stroll or a hang out every Sunday, Jejeama my ever enthusiastic sweetheart was always there. After the sad demise of Jejea was the time when me and Tina were inseparable from her. Like all good things come to an end.. but the ray of love still shines .. as still I can see a blessing bestowed upon me still I can see a shining smile emitted from the heavens tearing our sadness apart .. though Heavens and Earth are poles apart.. still I can see my Jejeama... My sweetheart!!!

Love,

Muni (Shweta) - Granddaughter

Final Year Student , CMSS Dental College
Aurangabad, Maharastra



Jiyama Means Patience – Swapna, Granddaughter, San Francisco USA

For me Jiyama means patience. Since my early childhood I always saw her with so much aches and pains because of arthritis. A person bearing so much pain for more than 25 years without complaints is the epitome of patience. She kept up her positive feeling to make herself feel better every day and imparting same sense of hope to everyone around her. Today when I analyze her life I feel it is too hard to live with such ailments for such a long time. She lived long because of her strong will power and the positive energy inside her. I remember my school days when she used to wait for us to feed us right after we reach from our school at Sahid Nagar. I used wait for school to end soon to reach home to be fed by Jiyama.

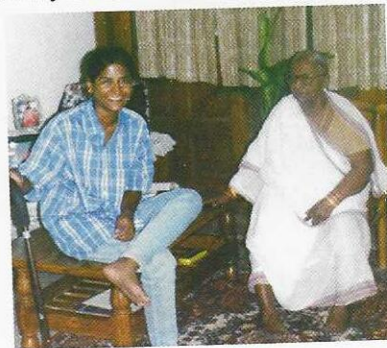
Often whenever I sat down and talked about a life of a typical woman, she used to tell me that we are privileged to have such a beautiful life, to have the freedom to be educated and lived a comfortable life all throughout when our parents took care of everything till we are married. Because of our education girls of our generation took up the responsibility of marriage often after the age of Twenty Five. By this age she was a mom of 6 kids managing the chores around the house along with taking care of her in laws and sister in laws and other relatives of Jejeya.

After getting married and being a mom of two kids I understand very well what she meant. Truly, the freedom of our lives comes from her sacrifices what she did raising her family and creating a strong bonding among all family members.

When I think of family bonding, today hardly I see a family being so tied up like a bird's nest other than ours with a feeling to take care of each other irrespective of no matter what comes on the way. In today's materialistic world finding a family like ours is a miracle second to none. This quality is imbibed only because of Jejeya and Jiyama and their togetherness. They were just the perfect couple made for each other. One is standing like a pillar of positive energy to conquer the world (Jejeya) and the other one (Jiyama) nourished the kids to be achievers like Jejeya no matter what. Today our family is keeping up the values imbibed by Jejeya and Jiyama.

In last 5 years I visited India almost 3 times. Everytime I saw her, her memory was failing more and more. But the moment she saw me she always remembered the old times when we spent time together in Puri and Delhi. She showed her empathy of managing a family and blessed all the times. I remember last time when I visited she gave me twenty one rupees which I still saved in my wallet as a blessing from her. My son Shreyas had the opportunity to see her when he was 2 years old. He rubbed her feet, she felt so good. It is unfortunate that my younger son Shivansh will not have the opportunity to seek blessing from her.

Jejeya and Jiyama are pillars of this house. Following their values and real life experiences if we can raise our kids like they did giving them the real life examples of togetherness, then these children would be achievers in all field bringing the fame for their grandparents and great grandparents. To achieve this is a great challenge for us as parents.



Ama - My Grandmother

To start with the eldest female of our family that's my grandmom. MAHALAXMI PATRA who has been an epoch maker of our family in building our whole family consisting of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to the pinnacle of success.

Her great contribution towards my family has proven her to be a successful homemaker. She has gone through many ups and downs during her whole life suffering due to Arthritis. Although not having any formal education she has been able to set up an image of bonding in our family uptill now.

I being her youngest grandchild feel very proud of getting all her inspirations and motivations throughout my life, and gaining all the affections from my grandmom. I had not been very close to her rather being close to my grandfather the most. But after the demise of our grandfather she was the one giving me affection of my grandfather as well.

When you are a grandmaa, its much easier to overlook the faults of your grandchildren and focus on giving them as much love as you can muster. I remember my Jeyama as a very loving soul who made some of the yummiest home made delicacies. Though she being handicapped she managed to make some for us to be happy and feed us.

She left us a year ago, yet she is still living in my memory as a loving and doting grandmom. I remember watching the adoration on my grandmom's face being the most fascinating tale. That shows how much a grandkid can capture a grandmom's heart. My grandmom filled the gap between a parent, a teacher and little bit a best friend. A GRANDMOM -GRANDCHILD RELATIONSHIP IS VERY SIMPLE "SHORT ON CRITICISM AND HIGH ON LOVE".

My grandmom was mother of 8, and grandmom of 25, she has contributed to be a successful homemaker in building up all of us to the pinnacle. Not a day goes by without me remembering my Jeyama, about her adorable words and her sweet voice kept murmuring into my ears since her demise.

She had been a great counsellor. Everytime I went to see her, it was never too long before she asked me to leave again but when I did, she said nothing. I dared not to look back for the fear of meeting her gaze because I never knew if it was going to be the last time I saw her alive. The day I dreaded came she passed away leaving all of us alone leaving behind her sweet memories which we would cherish in future. My experiences with my grandmom were although similar to others but yet unique. The memories of the moments we shared together can never be placed on a piece of paper truly.

After the demise of my grandfather (Jejeya) my grandmom (Jeyama) got weaker day by day losing her memory and finally succumbing to Chronic Arthritis and losing the usage of her legs. My Jeyama would visit us every month to Mumbai and I felt on the top of the world being with her staying together with us.

Being the smallest among the crew I got the affection of being youngest of all. I had an habit of feeding her whatever I used to have whether it was fruits, chocolates or anything. We both used to sleep together holding each others arms and felt the harmony of being one. I remember her giving me a one rupee coin and a two rupee coin to my sister. The cost of that single penny was lot more than just a rupee. It consisted of her affection, love and blessings towards me.

The day she left us, I was with her sitting besides her and able to feel the last breath of her life and me losing my grandmom (Jeyama). I broke into tears as I realized that she is no more. Her last breath felt like living my whole memories with her came to a stand still losing the affection of my grandmom and grandfather as well.

At the age of 90 years too she loved going out for dinner and enjoy the warm breeze out. Although after so much of age she had lived her life fully seeing her children and grandchildren grow in front of her eyes. Her last wish of seeing my sister as a good dentist to repair her teeth was never fulfilled.

But I pray to God may her soul rest in peace. Her memories and her blessings keep showering upon us till our death too.

Smita (Tina)- Granddaughter
College of Engineering Bhubaneswar



"Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love". ~ Proverb

It is said that the best way to understand Your Grandparents are through Your Parents....and what best way to describe our "Beloved Grandmother" that She has been a Pillar of Great Strength and Support for My Grandfather who in turn has been an exhilarating Source of example for all of us...

She was such an adorable and caring Grandma who always made sure that every visit to Her place (Puri) turns out to be a memorable one...Though She was unable to walk down properly and was for most of the time Bed-Ridden, She used to shout way from Her room to ensure all of us have been treated well...the same left us all quite enthusiast...

I still remember the days she stayed with us for few Months at our Place (Saheed Nagar - B.B.S.R) and was quite surprised to see the bonding shared by her with my parents...I really consider the same as an example of our generation of how bonding within the family should take place.

I also consider myself Lucky as My Marriage successfully took place in her presence 3 Months after which she left us for the Heavenly abode..." May God Rest Her Soul in Peace".

Santosh Kumar Subudhi - Grandson
Xtracare Bangalore



Few thoughts about my Jeama.

My Jeama was one of the most important women in my life. She taught me all about sacrifice and how important is it to treat others with respect. She was a wonderful woman and a strong person who taught me everything I know. She was a mother of 8, always had a positive attitude through out her life. She was very friendly, and tried to get along with everyone. She would give her last if someone was in need. She taught me values, how to care and love others.

Basically, she showed me how to become a young woman. I wish she was here today, so that I could thank her for everything she has done for me. I am truly blessed to have had her be a part of my life.



Especially when I went to Puri in 1984 to start my middle school I remember her homemade cooking Allu Chakata and Pejja Bhata and how everybody loved it and was always asking her to cook every morning for all kids . I spent countless days with her in Puri house when I was 12 to 15 yrs old which reminds me her caring She would be in the kitchen preparing a small, delicious breakfast like Paratha Dali Panni even before I was awake.

Most of the time I saw her keeping herself busy with puja room. She was the kind of person that always made you feel wanted and appreciated. Our, big crowded Puri home was always be full of relatives because she was very generous and never expected anything in return for the things she did for others.

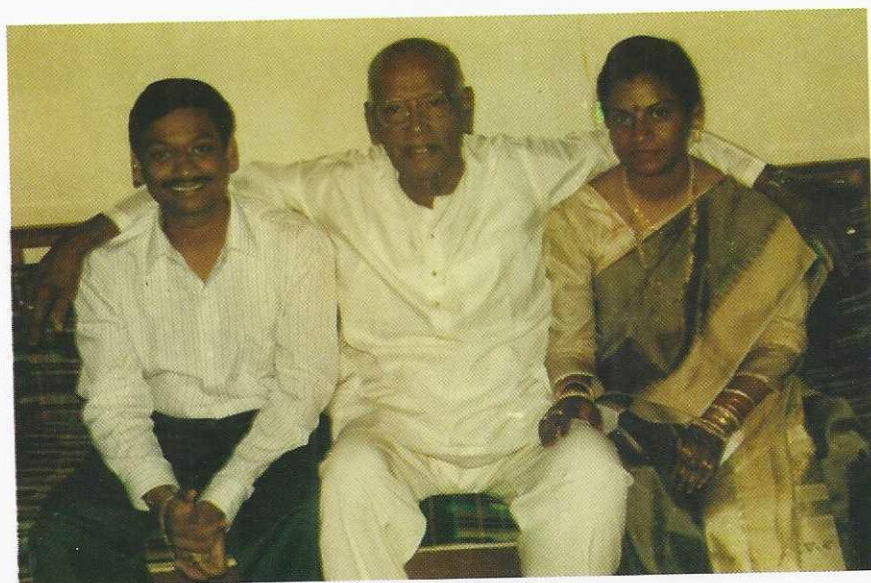
She was a multi-talented woman with determination and she believed if you set your mind your goal there isn't anything that you can't achieve. I am proud of her intelligence and how much she was able to do served her family being only daughter in law in the family with 5 sister in laws. Even as a grandma I saw her enthusiasm towards learning and her passion was learning new things and keep the family bonding strong. Even in her seventy's I observed her as grandma, she was active and passionate about education. She encouraged me to get a good education and more than my parents want me to grow and mature with confidence in who I am and what I can achieve. She was always with me if there is anything that you can't do if you work hard for it.

She never regretted or looked back and complains about any family issues because through that she was able to push herself and achieve all that she had. Through her hardships she learned to be strong-willed and determined even at those times girls were not considered to be very important and guys were valued. The most important thing which inspires me today being having no basic education she could manage to develop all the required skills independently and could keep family united. She was an extraordinary woman,

Especially in my last 2008 India trip was exceptional. Frankly speaking I planned that trip to visit her only and my son Vivek could spend some time with her. Which was really memorable moments for both of us. Although our staying me and Vivek got some special love and blessing as a great grand son, which I was really looking for. Even today Vivek remembers those valuable moments, which is priceless. "How fortunate I was and I could make that trip positive besides all hurdles. Every morning she used to call Vivek to have breakfast with her. And she used to give her first bite to him.

The most remarkable thing about my Jeama was her love. She loved everybody as one and told me to do the same thing, I truly owe the root of this development to one person, my "Jeama". Without her unique support, I never would have developed such a passion for understanding the world around me. My Jeama truly had been a large influence in my life.

Jyotshna - Granddaughter
San Diego California USA



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ମୋର ଶାଶୁ ଶଶୁର ଆମପରିବାରର ଏକ ହୃଦୟଙ୍ଗୁଳ ବୃକ୍ଷ ପରି ଥିଲେ, ଆଜି ସେଇ ବୃକ୍ଷ ଏପରି ପ୍ରତିଭା କରିଛି ତାଙ୍କୁ ତାଙ୍କର ପରିବାର ସଜନ, ସାହି ପତିଶା, ଗାଁ ଲୋକ ଆଜି ମନେ ପକାଉଛନ୍ତି ।
ମୋ ଜୀବନର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଦୁଃଖ, ସୁଖ ସମୟରେ ସେ ସବୁବେଳେ ମୋତେ ସାହାରା ଦେଇ ଆସିଥିଲେ ।
ସେମାନେ ମୋର ଗୁରୁଜନ, ପ୍ରୋଟେକ୍ଟର ଏବଂ ସାଙ୍ଗ ସାଥୀ ପରିଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରେରଣାରେ ମୋର ୫୦ବର୍ଷ ତାଙ୍କ ସହିତ ବିତି ଯାଇଛି । ତାଙ୍କ ବିୟୋଗରେ ପରିବାରକୁ ସମ୍ଭାଳିବା ଏବଂ କେମିତି ମନନେଇ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ସହିତ ସମୟ ବିତାଇବା ମୋ ପାଇଁ ଚିନ୍ତିତର ବିଷୟ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି । ସେମାନଙ୍କ କଠିନ ପରିଶ୍ରମ, କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟବୋଧ ଏବଂ ନିଷ୍ଠାବଦ୍ଧତା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଆଜି ତାଙ୍କର ପିଲାମାନେ ତାଙ୍କରି ସହଯୋଗରେ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଉଚ୍ଚତମ ସ୍ତରରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହିପରି କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟପରାୟଣ, ଧାର୍ମିକ ଦଣ୍ଡି ଆଜି ଦିନରେ ଦେଖିବା ବହୁତ କମ୍ ମିଳେ, ଶ୍ରୀ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥ ଏଇ ଦଣ୍ଡି ଆତ୍ମାକୁ ସଦଗତି ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ । ମୁଁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରୁଛି ।





ଆତା

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ଗୃହୁଁ ଗୃହୁଁ ବର୍ଷେ ହୋଇଗଲା ତୁମେ ଆମଗହଣରେ ଗୁଲିଗଲ । ଏହା ସତ୍ୟ ହେଲେବି ବିଶ୍ୱାସ କରିହେଉନାହିଁ ।
ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ତୁମର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକଟି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକଳାପ ଆଖିରେ ନାଚି ଉଠୁଛି । ଗତ ପନ୍ଦରବର୍ଷ ଧରି ହୋଲି ପର୍ବଠାରୁ
ଦିପାବଳୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ତୁମେ ଓ ମାମୁଁଙ୍କ ବିଷୟରେ ବହୁତ ମନେ ପଡୁଛି । କାରଣ ଯେଉଁ ୬/୭ ମାସ ବର୍ଷକରେ ତୁମ
ସାଥରେ ରୁହେ ତାହା ମୋ ପାଇଁ ଅମୃତ ଥିଲା ।

ଯଦିଓ ତୁମପାଖରେ ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ନଥିଲା କିନ୍ତୁ ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ପରମଭ ଥିଲ ତୁମେ । ଦିନେ ଅଧେରୁ ଅଧେ
ସମୟ ନାରାୟଣ ଶବ୍ଦ ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ ତୁମେ କରୁଥିଲ । ମୁଁ ବହୁତ ସମୟରେ ଭାବିଥାଏ ଯେ ତୁମେ ମାମୁଁଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତିମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ
ତାକୁଥିଲ । ଏଥିରେ ତୁମର ଯେଉଁ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ସ୍ନେହ ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ ଥିଲା ତାହାଦେଖିବାକୁ ବିରଳ ।

ନିଜ ପରିବାର ପ୍ରତି ମମତା ସବୁ ମାର ଥାଏ । କିଶୋରୀ ବୟସରେ ଘରେ ବୋହୂଭାବରେ ଶାଶୁଘରେ ପାଦ ଦେବା
ସମୟରେ ତୁମେ ଶୁଶୁର, ନଣନ୍ଦ, ଦିଅରଠାରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି ଭଣଜା ଓ ଭାଣିଜି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ନିଜରକରିଥିଲ । ଆଜି
ତାହା ମୋ ପାଖରେ ଉପଲବ୍ଧ ହୁଏ ବୋଲି ମୋ ବାପା ଓ ମା ମୋତେ ସବୁବେଳେ କହନ୍ତି । ଆତା ତୁମେ କାହାର
ନିନ୍ଦା ବା ପ୍ରଶଂସା ପ୍ରତି ତୁମର ଭୂଷେପ ନଥାଏ । ତୁମେ ସେହି ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପୁଲ ଓ ପରିବାର ଓ ପୃଥିବୀକୁ ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଓ
ସୁବାଶ ବିତରଣ କରୁଥିଲ ।

ଘରର ମୁଖିଆ ଯେଉଁଠାରେ ଏଭଳି ସବୁଗୁଣ ବିଭୂଷିତ । ପୁରା ପରିବାର ସେହି ଆଦର୍ଶରେ ଅନୁପ୍ରାଣିତ ହେବା ସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ
। ଆଜି ତାହାର ଉଦାହରଣ ହେଉଛି ଆମର ପରିବାରର ସମସ୍ତ ବୋହୂମାନେ ବହୁତ ସମୟରେ ତୁମ ସହିତ ବସି
ବହୁତ କିଛି ଶିକ୍ଷା କରିଛି । ମାମୁଁ ଥିଲାବେଳେ ଏକ ସାଙ୍ଗର ଦିଲ୍ଲୀର ଭିନ୍ନ ଭିନ୍ନ ଯାଗାକୁ ବୁଲିବାକୁ ସମୟ ମିଳୁଥିଲା
କିନ୍ତୁ ତାହା ଆଜି ମୁଁ ତୁମ ସାଙ୍ଗରେ ବୁଲିବାର ସମୟ ହରାଇ ବସିଛି । ଗତ ଜୁଲାଇ ମାସ ୨୦୦୮ ମସିହାରୁ ମୋ ମାସ
ଶେଷ ୨୦୦୯ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଡୋକାଳୀର ରହିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ଜୀବନ ସାରା ରହି ପାରିବ ନାହିଁ । ଦିବ୍ୟଧାମ ଯାତ୍ରାର ୮ଦିନ
ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଗୁରୁଗାଓଁ ଫେରି ଆସିଥିଲି । ମନରେ ବହୁତ କଷ୍ଟ ହେଲା ଯେ ଶେଷ ନିଶ୍ୱାସ ନେବା ବେଳେ ତୁମ ପାଖରେ ରହି
ପାରିନଥିଲି ଆଜି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ

ଅନୁତାପ କରୁଅଛି । ଆତା ତୁମର ମୂଲ୍ୟ ଆକଳନ କରାଯାଇ ପାରିବ ନାହିଁ । ତୁମକୁ ହରାଇବାର ଦୁଃଖ କେତେ ତାହା
ମୁଁ ଭାଷାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିପାରୁନାହିଁ । ତୁମର ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ସ୍ମୃତି ଆଲୋକ ହୋଇ ମୋତେ ଓ ଆମ ପରିବାର ଦିଗ
ଦେଖାଉଥିବ ।

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ଅନେକ ଦିନ ହେଲା ଭାବୁଛି, ମୋ ଆମାଠୁଁ ବଳି ଭାଉଜଙ୍କ ବିଷୟରେ ମୁଁ କ'ଣ ଲେଖିଲେ ତାହା ଠିକ୍ ଭାବରେ ମୋ ହୃଦୟର ଭାବନାକୁ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବ । ମୁଁ ଅନୁଭବ କଲିଯେ, ଯଥାର୍ଥଭାବେ କରିବାଲାଗି ଶବ୍ଦଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଅସମର୍ଥ । ମୋ ପାଇଁ ବନି କେବଳ ଭାଉଜ ନଥିଲେ ସେ ମୋର ମା' ଥିଲେ । କାରଣ ମୁଁ ମୋର ମା ଙ୍କୁ ପିଲାବେଳୁ ହରାଇ ବସିଥିଲି ଏବଂ ମୋ ଆମାଙ୍କର ଚେହେରା ବି ମନେ ନାହିଁ । ମୋ ବନି ଭିତରେ ଅନେକ ଭଲଗୁଣ ଭରି ରହିଥିଲା । ଯାହା ପାଇବାଲାଗି ଅନେକ ମଣିଷ ଜୀବନ ସାରା ଉଦ୍ୟମ କରନ୍ତି । ନମ୍ରତା ଓ ସରଳ ଜୀବନଯାପନ ତାଙ୍କର ଦୁଇଟି ସବୁଠାରୁ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖନୀୟ ଗୁଣଥିଲା । କୌଣସି ଭୌତିକ ଜିନିଷ ପ୍ରତି ତାଙ୍କର ଆସକ୍ତି ନଥିଲା । ଅଥଚ ପରିବାରକୁ ଢଳଢଳ ଚଳାଇବା ତାଙ୍କର ବଡ଼ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟଥିଲା ।

ମତେ ଗୁରୁବର୍ଷ ହୋଇଥିଲା ମୋର ଆମା ଗୁଲିଗଲେ ତାପରେ କ'ଣ ହେଲା ମୁଁ କିପରି ମଣିଷ ହେଲି ଏବଂ ମୋର ବିବାହ କିପରି ହେଲା ତାହା ବି ଏତେ ମୋ ମନେ ନାହିଁ । ଯେହେତୁ ମୋର ସନ୍ତାନ ହେଲେ ନାହିଁ ମୋର ବଡ଼ବୋହୂ ଯେକି ମୋର ଝିଆରି ଏବଂ ମୋର ବନିଙ୍କର ଚତୁର୍ଥ ଝିଅ ତାକୁ ମତେ ଦାନକଲେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ସଂଧ୍ୟାକୁ ୭ବର୍ଷ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଏପରି ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ମୁଁ ବହୁତ କମ ପରିବାରରେ ଦେଖୁଛି । ପରପାଇଁ ଉତ୍ସର୍ଗ କରିଦେବା ତାଙ୍କର ଯେଉଁ ବିରଳ ଓ ବିନମ୍ର ବ୍ୟବୃତ୍ତି ଥିଲା ତାହା ଚିନ୍ତା କଲାବେଳକୁ ମୁଁ ପୁରା ଶଙ୍କ୍ଷିତ ହୋଇ ଯାଉଛି ।

ମୁଁ ତାଙ୍କ ବିନା ବୋଲି ସମ୍ବୋଧନ କରୁଥିଲେବି ସେ ମୋପାଇଁ ଆମାଥିଲେ ।



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କୁନି

ସାନବୋହୁ

ଗତ ଜୁନ ୧୩ତାରିଖ ୨୦୦୯ ଆଷାଢ଼ ମାସ କୃଷ୍ଣପକ୍ଷ ପଞ୍ଚମୀତିଥିରେ ତୁମ୍ଭେ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କୁ ଶୋକ ସାଗରରେ ଭସାଇ ଦେଇ ଗୁଲିଗଲ କିନ୍ତୁ ତୁମର ଆଶ୍ରୀର୍ବାଦ ପରିବାର ପ୍ରତି ସଦା ରହିଛି । ଦେଖୁଦେଖୁ ୧ ବର୍ଷ ବିତିଗଲା ସମୟର ଗତି ଗତି ଗୁଲିଛି । କିନ୍ତୁ ପ୍ରତିକ୍ଷତରେ ତୁମକଥା ମନେ ପଡୁଛି ।

ମୋର ଆଶା ଏକ ଶାନ୍ତଶିଷ୍ଟ ମହିଳା ଥିଲେ, ତାଙ୍କର ଶରୀର ଅସୁସ୍ଥତା ବହୁତ ବ୍ୟତିବ୍ୟସ୍ତ କରିଦେଇଥିଲା । ପ୍ରତି ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ ନାରାୟଣ ଶବ୍ଦ ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ କରୁଥିଲେ ତାଙ୍କର ଦିନ ମାମୁଁର ନାମରେ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇ ଏବଂ ଶେଷ ହେଉଥିଲା, ମାମୁଁ ଓ ତାଙ୍କର ଜୋଡି ଦେଖିବା ବିରଳ । ଆମ ଜାତିରେ ଏକ ବୟସ୍କା ହିସାବରେ ଗଣତି ହେଉଥିଲେ । ବହୁତ ଜନ୍ମଶାରେ ଦିନ ଅତିବାହିତ କରିବାସତ୍ତ୍ୱେ ଶେଷ ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ କିପରି ପ୍ରକୃତିର ନିୟମ ସାଂଗରେ ଦୁନିଆରୁ ଗୁଲିଗଲେ ତାହା ଆମ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଚକତି କରି ଦେଇଥିଲା । ସେ ଅଶିଷିତ ହେଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେ କୌଣସି କଥା ବୁଝାଇଲେ ବୁଝି ପାରୁଥିଲେ ।

ସେ ସିନେମା ପ୍ରିୟଥିଲେ । ଶୁଣିନପାରିବା ସତ୍ତ୍ୱେ ଦେଖିବାପାଇଁ ଇଚ୍ଛା କରୁଥିଲେ । ସେ ଭାରି ସହିଷ୍ଣୁଥିଲେ । ମନରେ ବ୍ୟଥା ମନରେ ଗୁପ୍ତି ରଖୁଥିଲେ । ପୂଜାପାଠ ଏବଂ ପରିଷ୍କାର ପରିଚ୍ଛନ୍ନତା ଉପରେ ଧ୍ୟାନ ଦେଉଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରଭୁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ମୋର ଏତିକି ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା ତାଙ୍କର ଆତ୍ମାର ସଦ୍‌ଗତି ହେଉ ।



ମୋର ଆମା

କୁନା

ସାନପୁଅ

ଜନନୀ ଜନ୍ମଭୂମିର ସ୍ୱର୍ଗାଦିପୀ ଗରିୟସୀ ।

ମୋର ଆମା ଏ ଦୁନିଆରେ ନାହିଁ ଏହା ନିରାତ ସତ୍ୟ କିନ୍ତୁ ମୋ ପାଇଁ ସେ ଅମର, ସେ ସଦା ମୋର ହୃଦୟରେ ଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ରହିଥିବବୋଲି ଆଶା କରୁଛି । ପ୍ରତି କ୍ଷତ୍ରରେ ତାର କଥା ମନେପଡେ, ଏବଂ ବହୁତ ଦୁଃଖ ଅନୁଭବ ହୁଏ । ଜୀବନରେ ମାର ସ୍ଥାନ ହେଉଛି ତାହା ମୁଁ ଆଜି ଭାବି ପାରୁଛି ।

ମୁଁ ସାନପୁଅ ହିସାବରେ ମୋତେ ଭଲପାଏ ଏବଂ ମୋ ବିଷୟରେ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚାକରେ । ମହାଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀ ନାମ ହିସାବରେ ସେ ମୋ ଜୀବନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଓ ପରିବାର ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରକୃତ ଠାକୁରାଣୀ ସ୍ୱରୂପ ଥିଲେ । ମୋ ସାଙ୍ଗରେ ବମ୍ବେରେ ଥିବା ସମୟରେ ତାର ସାମାନ୍ୟ ସେବା କରିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଇଥିଲି, ବହୁତ କିଛି କରିବାପାଇଁ ଇଚ୍ଛାଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସବୁ ଅଧୁରା ରହିଗଲା । ମୁଁ ତାକୁ ମୋର ମା ଏବଂ ଜେଜେମା ରୂପରେ ଦେଖୁଥିଲି । ମୋର ଅପିଷରୁ ଫେରିବା ସମୟକୁ ଅପେକ୍ଷା କରି ବସିଥାଏ ।

୧୯୯୨ ମସିହାରେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ତା'ର ଦେହ ଖରାପ ଥିଲା ସେତେବେଳେ ସେ ପ୍ରଥମେ ପୁରି ହସପିଟାଲରେ ଆଡମିଟ୍ ହେଲାପରେ କଟକକୁ ଗ୍ରାନ୍ସଫର କରାଗଲା । ତାପରେ ଭେଲୋର ଗଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ କାହାର ଆଶା ନଥିଲା ଆମା ଫେରିବେ କିନ୍ତୁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଙ୍କ କୃପାରୁ ସେ ଠିକହୋଇ ଘରକୁ ଫେରିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ ଆମାର ସେବା କରିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଇଥିଲେ ।

ମୋର ଆମା ଏକ ସରଳ ବିଶ୍ୱାସୀ ଥିଲା । ମୁଁ ଜାହାକହିଲେ ତାହା ଶୁଣୁଥିଲା । ଏତେବଡ଼ ପରିବାରକୁ ଚଳାଇବାରେ ତାର ଅବଦାନ ଅତୁଳନୀୟ । ପ୍ରଭୁଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ବିନୀତ କରୁଛି ମୋର ଆମାର ଆତ୍ମାର ସଦ୍‌ଗତି ହେଉ ଏବଂ ଅମର ରହୁ ।

ରୀତା

ବତନାତୁଣି ବୋହୂ

ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ମଣିଷ ପୃଥିବୀକୁ ଆସିବେଳେ ଏବଂ ତାଙ୍କର କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ କରି ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ଡାକରା ଆସିଲେ ନିଜ ପରିବାରର ଏବଂ ଦୁନିଆକୁ ଛାଡ଼ି ଚାଲିଯାଆନ୍ତି । ତାଙ୍କ ଏଇ ବାର୍ଷିକରେ ମୁଁ ରୀତା (ବତନାତୁଣି ବୋହୂ) ତାଙ୍କ ସ୍ମରଣରେ କିଛି ଲେଖିବାକୁ ଯାଉଛି ।

ମୁଁ ବାହାହୋଇ ଆସିଲାବେଳେ ତାଙ୍କର ଶରୀର ଅସୁସ୍ଥ ଯୋଗୁଁ କମ କାମ କରୁଥିଲେ ସତ କିନ୍ତୁ ମୁଁ ଶୁଣିଛିଯେ ସେ ବହୁତ ପରିଶ୍ରମ ଥିଲେ । ଆଉ ଆମର ଘରର ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କିପରି ଉନ୍ନତି ହେବ ପିଲାମାନେ ତାଙ୍କର କିପରି ଭଲରେ ରହିବେ ସବୁବେଳେ ସେ ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରନ୍ତି । ସେ କିଛି ଶିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିନଥିଲେ କିନ୍ତୁ ସମୟର ମୂଲ୍ୟ ତାଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ବହୁତ ପ୍ରଧାନ ଥିଲା । ଏତେ ବଡ଼ ପରିବାର ତଥାପି ତାଙ୍କର ପିଲାମାନେ ଠିକ ସମୟରେ ଆସିଲେ କି ନାହିଁ ସମୟରେ ଖାଇଲେ କି ନାହିଁ ସବୁବେଳେ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ପଚାରୁଥିଲେ । ଘରେ ଛୋଟିଆ ଛୁଆଟୁନେଇ କାହାକୁଭି କିଛି ଦେହ ଖରାପ ହୋଇଥିଲେ ସେ ସବୁକିଛି ଛାଡ଼ି ଆସି ଛୁଆକୁ ବସି ଆଉଁସୁଥିବେ । ତାଙ୍କର ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତି ଆଦର ଏବଂ ସ୍ନେହ ଥିଲା । ଭଗବାନଙ୍କୁ ସେ ଏପରି ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା କରନ୍ତି କି ସବୁଦିନ ବସି ଗୋଟି ଗୋଟି ଦିଅଙ୍କପାଇଁ ଫୁଲମାଳ ତିଆରି କରନ୍ତି ଏବଂ ଶ୍ରୀରାମ ଶ୍ରୀରାମ କହି ଧ୍ୟାନ କରନ୍ତି ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ଆଗ୍ରହ, ନିଷ୍ଠା ଏବଂ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ପାଇଁ ଆଜି ଆମର ପରିବାର ଏବଂ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ବିକାଶ କରିଛି । ଦେଖୁ ଦେଖୁ ଗୋଟିଏ ବର୍ଷ ବିତି ଗଲାଣି ଯେମିତି ଲାଗୁଛି ସେ ଏବେବି ଜୀବିତ ଅଛନ୍ତି ଏବଂ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କ ସହ ଅଛନ୍ତି । ଆଖିଆଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଥମ ବାର୍ଷିକରେ ମୁଁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରୁଛି ଯେ ତାଙ୍କର ଆତ୍ମା କିପରି ପରମାତ୍ମାଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ସଦ୍‌ଗତି ଲାଭକରୁ ।



ଆଓଆ ଯାହାଙ୍କର ମମତା ଆକାଶ ପରି ଆସୀନ, ଧରିତ୍ରୀ ପରି କ୍ଷମାଶୀଳ ଏବଂ ସାରା ପରିବାରକୁ ନିଜ ଭିତରେ ଧରି ରଖିବାର ସାମଗ୍ରିକ ସଭା, ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟାଲୋକ ଜଳ କ୍ଷଣରେ ବୀଜ ପଲ୍ଲବିତ ହୋଇ ବିଶାଳ ବୃକ୍ଷରେ ପରିଣତ ହେବାପରି ତାଙ୍କର ଲାଳନପାଳନ ସେବା, ସ୍ନେହ, ଆଦରଯନ୍ତ୍ର ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସମସ୍ତେ ସୁନାଗରିକ ସମାଜରେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ । ଆଓଆ ଙ୍କର ସହିଷ୍ଣୁତା, ଧୈର୍ଯ୍ୟ, ତ୍ୟାଗ, ସତ୍ୟବାଦିତା ଗୁଣ ମୋତେ ତାଙ୍କର ପଥପ୍ରଦର୍ଶିକା ଭାବରେ ଉଚିତ ମାର୍ଗରେ ପରିଗୁଳିତ ହେବାକୁ ପ୍ରେରଣା ଯୋଗାଇଛନ୍ତି ।

ଆଓଆ ଙ୍କର ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ଯୁଦ୍ଧାବିକ-ପରିଣତ ବୟସରେ ଭରପୁର । ସଂସାର ମେଲି ସେ ଗୁଲିଗଲେ, ସଂସାରର ଏ ନିଷ୍ଠୁର ନିୟମ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଦିନେନାଦିନେ ମାନିବାକୁ ପଡେ । ଆତ୍ମୀୟ ସ୍ୱଜନକୁ ସେ ଧକ୍କା ସହିବାକୁ ପଡିଲା, ରଜର କେଳାହଳମୟ ଉତ୍ସବରେ ପରିବେଶ ଆମପାଇଁ ସେଦିନ ଆଣିଦେଇଥିଲା ସୁନ୍ୟତା, ନିରାଶ ଏବଂ ହତାଶ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ହୃଦୟର ଦୁଃଖ ଆଉ ଯନ୍ତ୍ରଣାକୁ ଯେପରି ଅନୁଭବ କରୁଛି ତାକୁ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବା ଆସମ୍ଭବ । ଆଓଆଙ୍କର ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଥିଲା ଅସୀନ ଭଲ ଗାଇବା ଏବଂ ଆପଣା ଭିତରେ ନିର୍ଭୟ ଆଶ୍ରୟ ଦେବର ଅମୃତମୟ ଶ୍ରୀ ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ବିକଳହୃଦୟ ଭୂମିକାରେ ଭରି ରହିଛି । ଅନ୍ତହୀନ ଆଦେଶ ଆଉ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧାର ତାଙ୍କର ଶୃଙ୍ଖଳିତ ଜୀବନ କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ, ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ଓ ପରାକାଷ୍ଠା ତାଙ୍କର ବ୍ୟବସାୟକୁ ମହୀୟସୀ କରିଛି । ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ସଦସ୍ୟଙ୍କୁ ନିଜର ପ୍ରୀତିଭାର ପଣତର ଆତ୍ମୁଆଳରେ ନିଶ୍ଚିତତା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରୁଥିବା ତଥା ନିଜର ମମତାଭରା ମନର ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଆଶୁଥିବା ସବୁଠୁ ପ୍ରିୟ ମଣିଷକୁ ହରେଇଥିବାର ଦୁଃଖଦ-ଅନୁଭୂତି ଅବଶ୍ୟନୀୟ । ସୁଛତା, ପବିତ୍ରତା ଓ କୋମଳତାରେ ଭରପୁର ଆଓଆଙ୍କର ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ସର୍ବଦା ଆମର ପରିବାର ପ୍ରତି ରହିଥାଉ । ମୁଁ ଭଗବାନଙ୍କର ପାଖରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରେ ।



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ଆଜିର ଦିବସ ଆମ୍ଭମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଅତି ପବିତ୍ର । ମୋ ଶାଶୁ ଆଜକୁ ବର୍ଷତଳେ ଇହଲୀଳା ସମ୍ବରଣ କରିଥିଲେ । ଦୀର୍ଘଦିନ ଧରି ସ୍ବାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଖରାପଥିଲା ଶଶୁର ମଧ୍ୟ ଆଜକୁ ୬ବର୍ଷତଳେ ପରଲୋକ ଗମନ କରିଥିଲେ କିନ୍ତୁ ତାଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ସମସ୍ତେ ତାଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଯତ୍ନବାନ ଥିଲେ । କୌଣସି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଅବେହେଳା କରାଯାଇନଥିଲା । ପୁରୀର ଏଇ ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ବ୍ୟବସାୟୀ ପରିବାରର ସମସ୍ତ ଲୋକ ନିଜ ବାସଗୃହ ସୁଆର ସାହିରେ ଦୀର୍ଘଦିନ ଧରି ରହି ଆସୁଥିଲେ । ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ଉନ୍ନତୀ ନିମନ୍ତେ ସମସ୍ତେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ସେମାନେ ଦିଲ୍ଲୀ, ବମ୍ବେ ଓ ବାଙ୍ଗାଲୋର ପ୍ରଭୃତି ସ୍ଥାନରେ ରହୁଛନ୍ତି । ମାଙ୍କୁ ସାଙ୍ଗରେ ନେଇ ଏହି ସ୍ଥାନମାନଙ୍କରେ ଉନ୍ନତମାନର ଚିକିତ୍ସା ସହ ସେବା ପାଇ ଆସୁଥିଲେ । ଶେଷସମୟରେ ପୁରୀରେ ରଖି ତାଙ୍କର ଯତ୍ନ ନେଇଉଥିଲେ । ବିଧିର ବିଧାନ ଅଲଂଗ୍ୟ । ତାଙ୍କୁ କେହି ବାଧା ଦେଇ ପାରିବେନି । ସେ ଇହଲୀଳା ସମ୍ବରଣ କଲେ ।

ମୋର ପିଲାମାନେ ଛୋଟ ଛୋଟ ଥିବା ସମୟରେ ସେମାନେ ମାମୁଁ ଘରକୁ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସମୟରେ ଯଥା-ପର୍ବପର୍ବାଣି, ପରିବାରିକ ଉତ୍ସବରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେବାପାଇଁ ଯାଉଥିଲେ । ଛୋଟ ଛୋଟ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତି ତାଙ୍କର ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଥିଲା ଅତୁଳନୀୟ । ନାତିନାତୁଣୀ, ଅଣନାତୀ, ନାତୁଣୀ ସମସ୍ତେ ତାଙ୍କସ୍ନେହ ପାଇଁ ବ୍ୟାକୁଳ ଥାନ୍ତି । ସେ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ନାଁ ମନେରଖୁଥାନ୍ତି । ଜଣେ କେହି ଅନୁପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ ତା ବିଷୟରେ ସମସ୍ତ ଖବର ବୁଝନ୍ତି । ପରର ଦୁଃଖ ଦେଖିଲେ ସେ ସମ୍ବଳୀ ପାରନ୍ତି ନାହିଁ । ଯଥାଶିକ୍ଷା କିପରି ଲାଘବ ହେବ ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଯତ୍ନବାନ ହୁଅନ୍ତି । ପୁଅ ବୋହୂ ଓ ଝିଅଭାଇ ମାନେ ତାଙ୍କର ଉପଦେଶକୁ ସମ୍ମାନ ସହ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରନ୍ତି । ମାଙ୍କୁ ଖୁସି ରଖିବା ନିମନ୍ତେ ତାଙ୍କ ରୂମରେ ସମସ୍ତେ ସବୁ ସମୟରେ ଆସ୍ଥାନ ଜମାଇଥାନ୍ତି ।

ପରିବାର ବ୍ୟତୀତ ବଂଧୁ ବାଂଧବ ଓ ସାହି ବାସିନ୍ଦା ଯେତେବେଳେ ତାଙ୍କର ସାହାଯ୍ୟ ଚାହୁଁଥିଲେ ସେ ବିନା ଦ୍ବିଧାରେ ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାର ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କର ନାମ ଥିଲା ମହାଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀ ପ୍ରକୃତରେ ସେ ଥିଲେ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀ ଓ ନିଜ ନାମକୁ ଠିକ୍ ଭାବରେ ପ୍ରତିାଦନ କରି ପାରୁଥିଲେ ।

ସେ ଆଉ ଆମ ଗହଣରେ ନାହାନ୍ତି ଶଶୁର ମରିଗଲାପରେ ଶାଶୁଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖି ଆମେ ଶଶୁରଙ୍କୁ ଭୁଲି ଯାଇଥିଲୁ କିନ୍ତୁ ଦୁହିଁଙ୍କର ବିୟୋଗ ପରେ ପରିବାରରେ ଯେ ଅପୁରଣୀୟ କ୍ଷତି ଘଟିଲା ଏହା ନିସନ୍ଦେହରେ କୁହାଯାଇ ପାରେ ସବୁ ସମୟରେ ସମସ୍ତେ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସ୍ନେହ, ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ଉପଦେଶକୁ ମନେପକାଇ ଗନ୍ତବ୍ୟ ପଥରେ ଆଗେଇ ଚାଲିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କର ଆତ୍ମାକୁ ଶାନ୍ତି ମିଳିବ ଏହା ଆମ୍ଭମାନଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଥମ କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ ଅଟେ ।

ପ୍ରଭୁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଆମ୍ଭମାନଙ୍କୁ ଧର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଓ ସାନ୍ତ୍ବନା ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ ଏହାହିଁ ତାଙ୍କର ଇଚ୍ଛା ।

ଶ୍ରୀ ଚରଣରେ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା

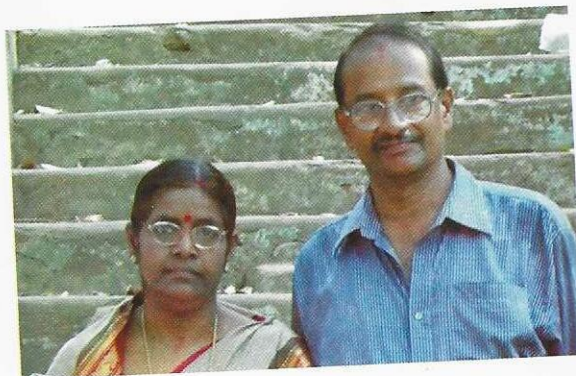
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ଆମା ଆଜି ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କ ଗ୍ରହଣରେ ନାହାନ୍ତି କିନ୍ତୁ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କପାଇଁ ସେ ଚୀର ସୁରଣୀୟ । ପୁରୀର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ବ୍ୟବସାୟୀ ପରିବାରରେ ଜନ୍ମ ହୋଇଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ କୌଣସି ଅଭାବ ଅସୁବିଧା ନଥିବ । ଗୁରୁବର୍ଷ ବୟସରେ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥକୁ ଛାଡି ବାଣପୁରର ଭଗବତୀ ପୀଠକୁ ମୋର ପିତୃସାଙ୍କ ଘରକୁ ଗୁଲି ଆସିଲି । ସେ ମୋତେ ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାର ସ୍ନେହ, ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଦେଇ ମୋର ଜୀବନକୁ ଗଢିବା ପାଇଁ ମୋର ବାଲ୍ୟ ଶିକ୍ଷା ବାଣପୁରରେ କରାଇଥିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ ବାଣପୁରର ଶିକ୍ଷାବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଉଚ୍ଚକୋଟୀର ଥିଲା ତେଣୁ ଆସ୍ତେ ଆସ୍ତେ ମୁଁ ପୁରୀ ଜିବା ଭୁଲି ଗଲି । କିନ୍ତୁ ଛୁଟିରେ ପୁରି ଯାଇ ଆୟା, ଆମା, ଭାଇ, ଭାଉଜ ଭଉଣିମାନଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ସମୟ ଅତିବାହିତ କରିବା ସହ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସ୍ନେହ, ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ପାଇବାପାଇଁ ଅଳିଅଳି କରେ । କମସମୟ ମାଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ରହିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେ ମୋତେ ଅତି ନିଜର କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କରନ୍ତି । ସେଦିନଗୁଡିକ ମନେ ପଡିଲେ ମନରେ କୋହ ଆସେ । ଛୁଟି ସରିଲେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ବାଣପୁର ଆସେ ସେତେବେଳେ ବହୁତ ଦୁଃଖ ଲାଗେ କାରଣ ସମସ୍ତ ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧାକୁ ଦୂରେଇ ଦେଇ ଆସିବାକୁ ପଡେ ।

ମୋର ଜୀବନର ଚଲାପଥରେ ଦୁଇଟି ପରିବାର ସଂପୃକ୍ତଥିଲା ଗୋଟିଏ ମୋର ବାପା ଓ ମାଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ଓ ଅନ୍ୟଟି ମୋର ପିସା ଓ ପିତୃସି ଯେକି ପର ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ ମୋର ଶାଶୁ, ଶଶୁର ହୋଇଗଲେ, କିନ୍ତୁ ଆଜି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ମୁଁ ତାଙ୍କଠାରୁ ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ପାଇ ଆସୁଅଛି ।

ସମୟ ଶ୍ରୋତରେ ସବୁକିଛି ଆସ୍ତେ ଆସ୍ତେ ଲୀନ ହୋଇଯାଏ କିନ୍ତୁ ରହିଯାଏ ମଣିଷର ସତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଉପଦେଶ ଓ ସତ୍ତ୍ୱକର୍ମ । ଆଜକୁ ଆୟା ସ୍ୱର୍ଗାରୋହଣ କରିବାର ୬ବର୍ଷ ହୋଇଗଲାଣି ତଥାପି ସେ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ସୁରଣୀୟ, ବର୍ଷେତଳେ ଆୟା ପରଲୋକ ଗମନ କଲେ, ୮ମାସ ତଳେ ମଧ୍ୟ ମୋର ପିସା ପରଲୋକ ଗମନ କଲେ କିନ୍ତୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ମୋ ପ୍ରତି ଓ ପରିବାରର ଅନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତି ସ୍ନେହ, ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ସତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଉପଦେଶ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କୁ ନିଜନିଜ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସହାୟକ ହୋଇଛି । ପ୍ରଭୁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କର ହିଁ ପବିତ୍ର ଦିବସରେ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ କରନ୍ତୁ ଏହାହିଁ ଆତ୍ମମାନଙ୍କର ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା ।



କ୍ରମ ୧୫

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ମାଙ୍କ ସ୍ମୃତି

ମାର କଥା ଏତେ ପବିତ୍ର ତାଙ୍କୁ ଭୁଲିହୁଏ ନାହିଁ । କଥାରେ ଅଛି ମା ଟି ମୋର ଏତେ ନିଜର ତାପରି ସଂସାରେ କେହି ନାହିଁ । ମୋର କମ ବୟସରେ ବାହାଘର ହୋଇଗଲା, ବାହାଘର ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଶିଖାଇଥିଲେ ଶାଶୁର ଓ ଗୁରୁଜନଙ୍କୁ କିପରି ଭି କରିବା ବାପା, ମା ଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଣାମ ଦେବ । ମୁଁ ମୋର ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କୁ ଧରି ବହୁକଷ୍ଟରେ ଚଳିଛି ସେତେବେଳେ ଗାଁରେ ଆମର ଫେନ ନଥାଏ ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ପୋଖି ଅଫିସରେ ଫେନ ଥାଏ ଜଦି ମୋର କେବେ ଦେହ ଖରାପ ହୁଏ ଭଗବାନଙ୍କୁ ଜଣା ମାଙ୍କୁ କିପରି ଜଣାପଡେ ସଂଗେସଂଗେ ଫେନକରି ବାପା ଓ ମା ଗାତିଧରି ହାଜର ହୁଅନ୍ତି । ମା ବାପାଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖି ବିନା ଔଷଧରେ ଦେହ ଭଲ ହୋଇଜାଏ । ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ସରିଲେ ବାପା ନଚେତ୍ ଭଲ ଆମ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ନେବାକୁ ଆସନ୍ତି । ଆମେ ଘରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିଲେ ମାଙ୍କୁ ନିଦ ନଥାଏ । ଝିଅ ନାତି ନାତୁଣୀ ଆସନ୍ତି । ଦୈନିକ ଭିନ୍ନ ଭିନ୍ନ ପ୍ରକାର ପିଠାକରି ଖାଇବାକୁ ଦିଅନ୍ତି । ମା ଆମପାଇଁ ଏତେ କାମ କରନ୍ତି କେବେ ହାଲିଆ ହୁଅନ୍ତି ନାହିଁ । ମୋ ଶାଶୁ ଘରର ଜଦି ବ୍ୟୁ ବାଧ୍ୟତା ସେଠାରେ ପହଞ୍ଚି ଯାନ୍ତି ତାଙ୍କୁ ଉପଯୁ ମର୍ଯ୍ୟାଦା ଦେଇ ଛାଡନ୍ତି ମୋ ବାପା, ମା ବାହାରୁ ଯେଉଁଲୋକ ଆସନ୍ତି ବହୁତ ସ୍ନେହ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା କରନ୍ତି । ସେ ଆମକୁ ସଦାବେଳେ ସତ୍‌ଶିକ୍ଷା ଉପଦେଶ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି । ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ଏତିକି ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା ତାଙ୍କ ଆଦର୍ଶରେ ଏ ସଂସାର ଚଳାଚଳ ହେଉ ଏହାହିଁ କାମନା । ହରିକୃତ ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ।

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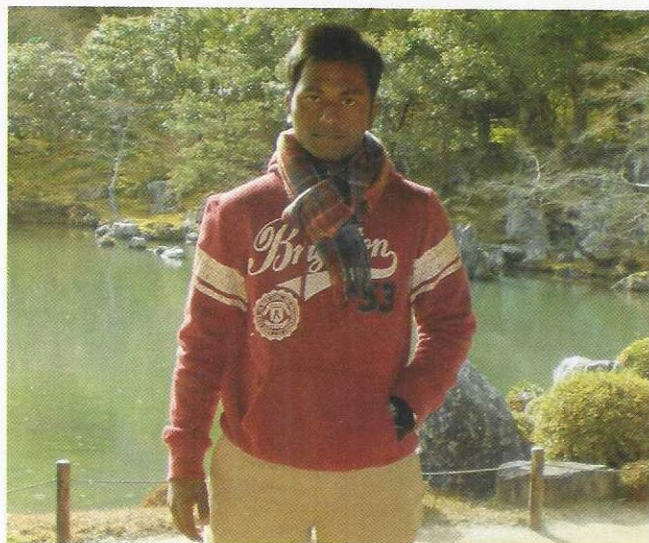
Awa - My Great Grandmother

Awa was my Great Grandmother. It feels so great that I have seen her while she was alive. Awa was a phenomenal woman , not only was she deeply religious, but she incorporated good teachings into her every day life by forgiving everybody and though her humbleness . She was a light for everyone around her with her kindness.

My journey with her starts from the 21st day of my birth when she fed me milk with the gold spoon (Suna Samuka). I am fortunate to be feeded by my great grand mother. We shared great moments in Puri . With her guidance to my mother I was raised well. I remember the days when she along with Tata stayed in Delhi during that time I use to just sit between them listen to their experiences and learn things that were not taught in schools.

Now since Awa is no more whenever I go to Puri I sit in her room and recall those wonderful moments when I along with Tina and Muni Didi used to quietly steal Magaj Laddu which Awa use to hide in her room which she made for Tata. She gave us great lessons when we were young about sharing and sacrificing so that we become better human beings in future. She was a great inspiration for me. Her departure to heavenly abode is an end of a great generation of our family

Prateek - Great Grandson



ଭକ୍ତିପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧାଞ୍ଜଳି

ପରମପୁଣ୍ୟ ଆମା ମୋର ତୁମ ଚରଣ କମଳରେ ଭକ୍ତିପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ନିବେଦନ କରି ଅତୀତ ସମୟର ଘଟଣାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଆଜି ମନେ ପଡୁଅଛି । ତୁମେ କେତେ କଷ୍ଟ ସହିଷ୍ଟ, ଉଦାର ଓ ସ୍ନେହମୟୀ ଥିଲେ । ତାହା ଆମ୍ଭମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଅଟେ । ଗତଦିନମାନଙ୍କରେ ତୁମର ସୁଖ ଓ ଦୁଃଖ ଆମ୍ଭେମାନେ ଅନୁଭବ କରିଅଛୁ । ଆମ ପିଲାଦିନର କଥା ମନେ ପଡିଲେ ଯେମିତିକି ତୁମ ହାତରେ ସେଇ ବଜା ଭାତ ଓ ଆଳୁ ଚକଟା ଡାଲିପୁଡା ସେଇ ଛୋଟ ଛୋଟ ହାତରେ ଖାଇବାର ମଜା ସବୁଦିନ ପାଇଁ ଭୁଲିବନି । ଭଗବାନ କରେ ଜଦିଓ ତୁମେ ଆମଠାରୁ ଦୂରକୁ ଗୁଲିଗଲ ତୁମ ସଂଗେ ବିତାଇଥିବା ଅନେକଗୁଡ଼ିଏ ଦର୍ଶନୀୟ ସ୍ଥାନ ବୁଲିବାର ମଜା ସବୁଦିନ ପାଇଁ ଗୋଟିଏ ଅଭୁଲ ସ୍ମୃତି ହୋଇ ରହିଗଲା । ତୁମେ ଯେଉଁଠାରେ ଥାଅ ତୁମର ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ଆମମାନଙ୍କ ଉପରେ ରହିଥାଉ ଏବଂ ତୁମ ଆତ୍ମାର ସଦ୍‌ଗତି ପାଇଁ ସେ ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରୁଛି ।

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SHE AND HER NATURAL LOVE

My grand mother was natural, quite and responsible. Me, Sanju Ata (my father's youngest sister) and Prakash (my Father's second sister 'son') are of same age. All of us were born at Puri at same place. Being all our mothers have same delivery period she spent equal time for my mother, to her second daughter and to herself and to their new born babies to ensure non of them are deprived any assistance and affections. This reflects her responsible and affection as senior matriarch in the family.

Once Sanju Ata and I were on the way to school to appear the exam for 3rd grade. She was my schoolmate. It was customary to go to the school exam hall with full writing tools (scale, inkpot, extra pen, pencil, eraser), take curd to keep our mind cool and blessings of elders. We were advised particularly while on the way to school not to talk with any one and not to call any one from the back. But unfortunately I called Sanju Ata from the back to discuss some thing, then on she kept on blaming me till she informed Jejema . She realized my innocence rather asked her not to make issue to get less score in the exam as she was intelligent.

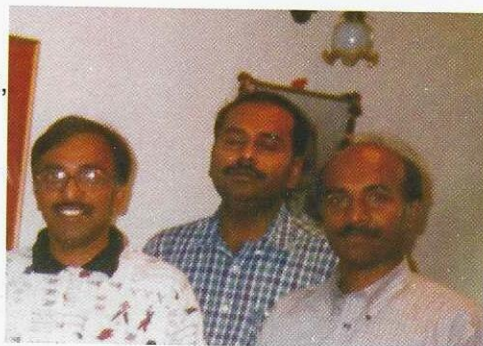
Invariably during the childhood I used to suffer from infections like skin disease, fractures, body aches. In spite all of the members used to take care of me She used to find time to sit around me and put her magic touch with lot of stories and counseling .It was so good one can definitely realize her absence in such scenario those days.

During summer vacation we twelve grand children with her two children(Kuna Dada and Sanju Ata) were managed together. As a first lady of the family she normally managed all the shows including how to manage the whole summer vacation with the children. She used us in the various family activities, like for watch ward to save from monkees ,while making Badi,Papad ,Ambula, Achar(Pickles). As a reward she used offers all raw item as a incentives. It was great lesson to learn how to reward for good work that is now practiced by the modern management. However it was go to keep learning during the summer vacation with bit fun time with keeping together busy.

I have never seen her attitude different to others. I am sure her condition was unique . In even her odd condition, She demonstrated her good wishes, relationship at any cost.

I am sure we who are associated in her life will deeply miss her gentle soul.Let us all pray for her heavenly abode.

Harihar Patra - Eldest Grand Son



Grandmothers are Just Antique Little Girls

Me and my Great Grand Mother: Do you know what was the age gap between us until her last breathe ..? Guess..? (At her last breath I was 11Years, 7 Month & 11days)



My Experience - I have a few experiences as we are not at the same page .whenever I used to go to her she usually used to ask who are you? I used to reply I am the younger daughter of Ashok. She used to get a smile on her face whenever I used to take my dads name as she loved my parents a lot. Then the next question she used to ask me have you eaten? Where are you going and so on? I was privileged to see my great grandparents.

Purnima Patra - Great Granddaughter

"Great Grandmothers Hold Our Tiny Hands For A Little While....But Our Hearts Forever."

Every generation have grandparents but every generation aren't blessed with great grandparents But when I was born I was blessed with both grandparents as well as my great grandparents!

To call great grandmother in our generation is a privilege. Mostly great grandmother in this generation is getting rare because of nucleus families and those happen particularly in urban areas and more so in rest towards self identity.

Fortunately, I am talking about my great grandmother . There are some faded memories as I stayed in Bhubaneswar for only 9 years and during that time she kept moving to places like Delhi, Mumbai etc after that I came to Bangalore and then there was no chance of getting connected to her.

I remember when she passed away I shared the same to my friends and teachers for my leave application, every one was shocked to know that my great grandparents was still alive. It was surprising for them as neither of them had heard or dreamt about it.

When I grew up I realized the family which my great grandparents had envisaged has left a legacy of cordiality and self respect which will inherit in our life time.

Preeti Patra - Great Granddaughter

"It's a grand thing to be a mother of a mother – that's grandmother"

When I was told to write about my grandma, I did not know what to write. There are so many things to write but unfortunately memories are faded as I was away from her for a pretty long time. There are few things particularly her affection to each one of us, selfless interest for our well being and her concern when we are in trouble at times.

I recall when I was young I had visited a lot of places with her and Grand Pa especially to Kashmir & Kathmandu where I had an opportunity to get close to her.

After my marriage when I started staying with her family I came to know a lot of things about her. She was a perfect 'LADY'. I learned a lot by observing her. One aspect that came from her example was that how she could strike a perfect balance between taking care of her family and our Grandpa at the same time. She took care for every tiny bit that her husband needs. This was one of the most adorable things.

She became very serious once, for a while and we thought we might loose her. She was taken to Vellore and by Gods blessing she came back to us. With Her inactiveness that followed she continued to speak less and that's when we came to know how she is suffering within herself. We could see her suffering but we couldn't help her! She lived for many years. If I give a guess as to why she wanted to live through her sufferings I would just say she lived because she wanted to keep a bond between our families. She knew if she goes, the bond or the feeling of love between us would suffer greatly. She joined this family at her early age and contribute her best in building it. Even she has been quoted by our grandpa as 'LAXMI' to our home that she brought luck and wealth. They both built a Banyan Tree which is full of love, affection, belonging and security to the next generation with selfless interest.

So the GRANDMAA / PAA where relevant what we have seen in our early life.

Today unfortunately the younger generations to have adopted nucleus family structure so the opportunity of learning the values through GRAND PARENTS is now non-existent.

I therefore with my sincere Humbleness urge each and every member of the Family keep the bonding alive to make sure their Souls rests in peace.

BOBBY



JEYAMA

"Ah" Such a wonderful soft patch in the mind frame. Honestly don't know where to start but asked to write OBITUARY messages as everyone in the family were advised to share some of theirs experiences.

I am writing some of the experiences from my living memory about my beloved grandmother.

At my early age, I remember my Jeyama used to send me to carry the Tiffin carrier to hand over to Narsingh Taata as he used to wait for the food cooked by Jeyama . She used to give clear instruction to wait there and force Taata to finish the food and bring back the empty Tiffin carrier as she used to know very well only I could do that work properly and hence she used to pamper me a lot for that.

I also remembered when we brothers and sisters returned from school she used to feed us by distracting all of us until we would overeat. It speaks about her affection and responsibility towards us.

Again I remember once Ama was punishing for something I did, I was may be 7-8 years old, she accidentally hit my head and it started to bleed and seeing this JEYAMA scolded and told Ama never to hit me again.

There are so many memories that a page worth looks trifle.. !!

Again there are certain memories and stories which can not be shared by just writing as it is treasured in the heart and mind and will continue to occupy the space forever.....

Ashok - Grandson



HISTORICAL GLANCE ON KALINGA-VAISYA COMMUNITY OR 'KUMUTI' CASTE

The word 'KUMuTI'; is only a distortion of a sweet word 'KUMUSTIH'. The community serves people of the whole country including its own through business of different commodities contributing a lot for the prosperity of all in a dedicated service attitude. Thus he who keeps 'KU' (meaning 'World') in his own fist is called a 'Kumustih'.

We can not notice much of variations on different historical opinions as to how the people of this community came to 'Utkal'. Popular saying goes that the then Maharaja of ORISSA on their victorious expedition of 'South India' centuries ago, observed the glorious tradition in commerce due to a community of people in South. He was very fond of getting some of the 'KUMUTI' community people with him for expansion of commercial activities in Orissa. He allowed them to settle and donated graciously landed property etc.



From those days 'Kumuties' settled on undivided districts of Ganjam, Puri, and Cuttack mostly and in almost all parts of Orissa. Since then, they are the front line partners in prosperous commercial and business sphere of Orissa. Some opine that King Ananga Bhima Deo have brought them from South during his stay at Puri. The necessity was probably for proper up-keep and up-dating of accounts of Durbar of Gajapati Maharaja. 'KUMUTI' of South were vegetarian. As per prevailing practice, it was difficult for 'KUMUTI' people from South to settle in ORISSA. On some or other pretension, the Maharaja on advice of the own ministers served both veg and non-veg food together and unknowingly they partook the edibles and felt very much delighted. Thus under compulsions the 'KUMUTI' people continued to take non-veg. items in their dishes and the same precedence is being continued. Those people are called KALINGA KUMUTIS since they lived within the periphery of the then KALINGA Empire which touched the banks of rivers Godavari in South. They have contributed a lot to the prosperity of the region.

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From the days of Maharaja of ORISSA or KAINGA i.e. Pratap Rudra Dev, those Kumutis living in Northern part of KALINGA EMPIRE were largely influenced by Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and there by accepted 'Vaishnav' culture. KMUMUTI people living in southern parts of empire were mostly in the spiritual influence of sect of RAMNUJA the great preceptor or continued to remain as devotees of Lord Siva' i.e. called Saivite. In days of yore, Kalinga was famous for maritime navigation and commerce. They were called 'SADHAV PUA'. They were forefathers of presently called 'KUMUTI' people. We are very proud of our own parentage and are true successors of our glorious past and traditional culture. These KUMUTI people or " SADHAV PUA "not only enriched the country through commerce but also generously donated to the Lord Jagannath out of pious earnings. The most valuable gem stone now in the forehead of Lord Jagannath is the contribution of our forefathers. In 1295, the KALINGA emperor Narasingh Deva's illustrious remarks on 'KUMUTI community deserves further research.

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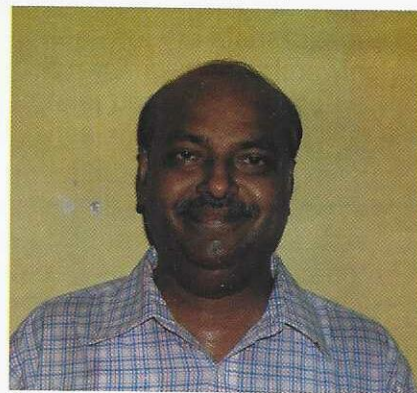
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– Collected by T Narsingh Patra

T. BANAMBAR PATRA
Managing Director
TK International Limited



Please understand the market and your competitor well before you jumping in to any venture.

Q : You followed Which entrepreneur to take inspiration from?

A : My father T. Satyanarayan Patra

Q : An entrepreneur to me is ...

A : One who is willing to put everything on stake behind his idea.

Q : What is Your favourite business mantra. ..

A : Adaptability to ever-changing environment.

Q : An event during your startup days which inspired you to be an entrepreneur..

A : The successful launch of our trading business at Bhubaneswar, the conversion and packaging of "Capital", "Utkal Lipi" and subsequently entering to large project "Toshali sands" ethnic village resort at Puri,

Q : Which was the most daring decision you took in your career and secret story of success ?

A : In 2002, the resort was affiliated to RCI, world's the only largest vacation exchange company and Toshali Sands was the 1st affiliate in India. In 2003, when I moved to Delhi, I fully concentrated for the sales and marketing of the resort vacation exchange membership.

Q : Can entrepreneurship be taught or is one born with the quality?

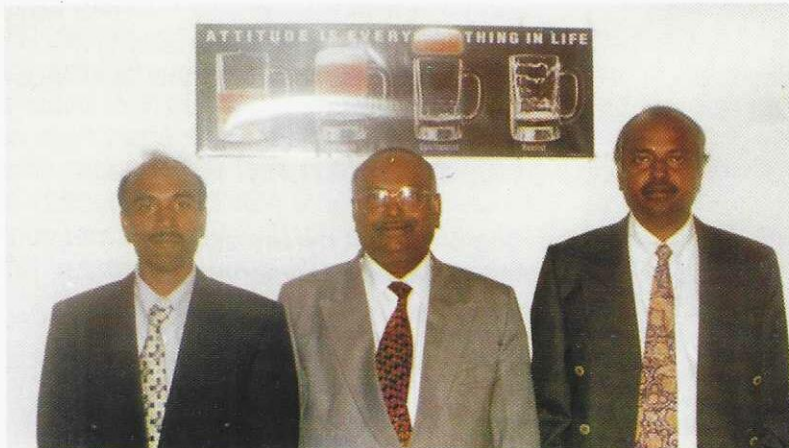
A : You need to have it in your blood with positive mind. Not necessarily genetically. But experiences positively help in building skills further.

Our Father SATYANARAYAN'S ADVICE TO STARTUPS

Get the right and proper understanding of market dynamics
Know your customers' need and customer after sales service
Don't cut corners when it comes to quality
Create a niche for yourself
Use technology for the business and customer's benefit

18 things to consider in a GOOD BUSINESS PLAN

- A -How big is the market of your product. What speed is it growing at. How large a pie of this market can your product & service capture?
- B- Problem statement. What is the problem you are solving.
- C- who's your customer, where do you see yourself from today in next five years?
- D- Description of the key people in your Organisation-the team's past successes and area of expertise
- E- What is the product! service you are offering? How does it help? What's unique about it? Describe the technicality
- F- Describe your business model? Quantify benefits to customers with the service to customer after sales?
- G- How much can you charge for the product?
- H- What stage of development are you at?
- I- What is the plan going forward?
- J- What is your go-to-market strategy?
- K- Any backup plans? Any future product R & D
- L- Who are the current or future players in this market?
- M- How are you different? Are there any barriers to entry?
- N- Yearly financial projections up to five years which should be optimistic but realistic.
- O- How much money are you looking to get in five years from your product?
- P- How much money you are looking to raise from market on public issue?
- Q- How long will it last?
- S- What will it be used for?



Measurement & Benchmarking

"You cannot manage something you cannot control and you cannot control something you cannot measure." - Peter Drucker

"In GOD we trust, all others bring data." - W. Edwards Deming

"What gets measured gets done; what gets measured and fed back gets done well; what gets rewarded gets repeated." - John E. Jones

Whether you realize it or not, one thing is true in just about any business. You get what you measure and you pay for. When people's jobs and livelihoods depend on something getting done, it almost always gets done. This means it's important to keep score in order to know precisely how the business is doing in each key area, and to hand out rewards to employees when the goals they're given are met. That's why you should consider basing a percentage of each person's compensation on achieving company goals and Key Success Factors.

Even if an incentive plan won't work for every employee, you need to have a way to measure what they do and let them know the work they do is being measured. Studies have proven that simply measuring employee performance will cause it to improve even if you do nothing about what you find in the process. Measure everything important, particularly your business Key Success Factors that drive profitability, employee satisfaction, customer satisfaction and process efficiency and effectiveness in your business. Give people feedback on results (weekly if possible and no less than monthly) and on their team and individual performance. Feedback should be highly public and visible (to engage peer pressure) and offered in as many formats as possible. Time and again, studies have proven that simply measuring something and posting the results, by itself, will improve performance.

Create leading and lagging metrics to track these factors. Create a metrics "Dashboard" with the half-dozen most important leading metrics to keep track regularly so you can focus your time and resources on improving these factors and make quick course corrections. Benchmark/ compare your metrics against your direct competition and against the industry best. Which of your competitors are considered the "Gold Standard" in your industry? What are they doing that puts them in this position? Are these things part of your strategy and do you want to consider using some of their methods or principles? Westerners are tremendously competitive people including Americans. They love challenge and HATE being a loser. When you compare your company's performance against your competition in ways that are meaningful to employees and tell them how to improve their performance ... your numbers will improve.

Communicate with Employees

- Make it as personal as possible, 1-on-1 is best. Manage By Wandering Around!
- Communication must be frequent, preferably on daily basis or weekly. It's better to be frequent than flashy.
- Communication must be two-way; create anonymous feedback systems.
- It must be credible. It takes years to develop trust with employees and minutes to destroy it. People know spin when they see or hear it.
- Repetition: people need to hear a message, on average, seven times before it registers with them.
- People are emotional beings first and rational beings second. If you want to motivate, touch their emotions. Fear is the most influential emotion. Recognize and address fears. This principle applies in advertising as well.
- People follow leaders with passion over leaders with logic. Like it or not, it is true. Think about the leaders you have seen or known. People will vote for the charismatic dunderhead over the geekish genius every time. What are YOUR convictions? Start writing them down and thinking about them and sharing them with trusted others. Eventually, you will have something to talk convincingly about to employees and friends. Your convictions should include statements about the value of employees, customers, quality, customer service, the "virtues" like honesty, honor, the truth, perseverance, et cetera.
- Make use of as many different communication techniques as possible, repeat the same message in different ways.

"First, Break All the Rules"

Over more than a decade, the polling organization Gallup conducted employee surveys at thousands of varied organizations and with hundreds of thousands of employees in more than 100 countries and compared their results to company profitability. They turned their results into a book called *First, Break All the Rules* (M. Buckingham & C. Coffman, Simon & Schuster, 1999). High employee satisfaction scores on the first six of the 12 survey questions below have the highest correlation with positive organizational performance (more profits!).

- #1 - Do I know what is expected of me at work?
- #2 - Do I have all the materials and equipment I need to do my work right?
- #3 - At work, do I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day?
- #4 - In the last seven days, have I received recognition or praise for doing good work?
- #5 - Does my supervisor, or someone at work, seem to care about me as a person?
- #6 - Is there someone at work who encourages my development?
- #7 - At work, do my opinions seem to count?

- #8 - Does the mission/purpose of my company make me feel my job is important?
- #9 - Are my co-workers committed to doing quality work?
- #10 - Do I have a best friend at work?
- #11 - In the past six months, has someone at work talked to me about my progress?
- #12 - This last year, have I had opportunities at work to learn and grow?

High affirmative employee scores on the first six questions have the highest correlation with positive organizational performance. The item with the highest correlation to good organizational performance is Clear Expectations. It costs nothing but time to clearly explain to employees what you expect from them and, even better, to create measurements for these expectations.

Out of the 12 items above only ONE has the potential to cost any money (#2 - Do I have all the materials and equipment I need to do my work right?). All of the rest are virtually cost free. Why, when most employees today ADMIT to working at only 70% of capacity (and the actual is surely less) are companies STILL so clueless about increasing real rupee profits simply by engaging employees?

The answer is simple:

HUBRIS. A quote from Charles A. Beard describes the top management at most, but not all organizations today: "Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make all powerful."

- Compiled by Harihar Patra



Customer Service and Satisfaction

These are the times to really get intimate with your customers. Determine the 20% of your customers who are responsible for the 80% of your profits and get to know them better. What do your clients/ customers really want? What services, features, benefits or products are you offering that they don't care about? What do they like and dislike about your current product or services? Do you make it easy or hard for customers to buy from you or use your services? Really listen to customer / client requests. These are often the leading edge of product/ service improvements. Contact the best customers of your competitors. What do they like about them?

When the economic outlook grows bleak, customers become more selective about the companies life style products they do business with. When looking for places to cut costs, be careful NOT to cut in areas which have direct impact on customer satisfaction.

Look for ways to improve customer service and the customer experience. This usually costs nothing. Underpromise and overdeliver. Engage personally and often with customers. Ask your key customers what you can do for them. They know you're short on cash; offer services, advice, free consulting, and non-cash expenditures.

Creating Lifetime Customers

It is five to six times more expensive to attract new customers than it is to retain existing ones. The profitability of a five year customer / client is more than three times that of a first year customer. A very satisfied customer will tell five others about you.

The quickest and least expensive way to increase sales is to sell more to current clients or customers. When you sell your business, your longterm customer list will be one of your most valuable assets. Create and maintain a detailed customer / client database this is one of the least expensive and most productive things you can do to improve long term business success. You cannot create lifetime customers unless you know, in detail, who your customers are and how they have related to your business. Consider getting FREE CRM (customer relationship management) software for your business that tracks customer information, inventory, et cetera: www.smallbizcrm.com/

Create Lifetime Customers by:

- Offering a Guarantee - publicize it in all marketing.
- Quality Work/Service/Products - if the quality of your basic product or service is poor, no amount of "spin" or price differentiation will compensate.
- Loyalty Programs - punch a card for five sub sandwiches and get the sixth for free.
- Frequent Attention - You need to "touch" your best customers at least quarterly either

through phone calls, direct mail, e-mail, et cetera. with information, special offers, coupons, loyalty programs, to ask for feedback, et cetera.

- Value Added - There are many low-cost (to you) but value-added services for customers that you can consider.
- CONVENIENCE is a very important feature to customers today.
- It will not be the BIG things that customers remember (like quality work or good service) because they EXPECT that as a minimum; it will be little unexpected things that you do that they will remember. And these thoughtful things can be low or no cost.

"There is resort chain which provided valued added service. Welcome to the guest such as "girland, tikka and welcome drink and the front office manager himself escorts to the guests to the room and extends all support to the guests till they get settled in the room. It is for sure that next time they plan for vacation will think positively to visit next time to the group's chain resorts".

Customer Satisfaction

In addition to retaining your most valuable customers, you need to religiously avoid creating dissatisfied customers.

Only 1/3 of unhappy customers will ever complain. A very unhappy customer will tell 11 others about their problem with you. The net profitability of a lifetime customer is worth several times the rupee cost of resolving their complaint.

Why Customers Leave

- 9% leave because they are enticed away by a competitor.
- 9% move away.
- 14% leave because their complaints are not answered.
- 68% never return because they are treated with INDIFFERENCE:
 - They have to wait too long to be serviced
 - They have to return repeatedly with the same problem

How to Prevent Customer Indifference

- Make a great "first impression" (curb appeal, employee appeal, initial greeting when they walk in ("Welcome to Moe's!"), when answering the phone or on the answering machine. How many times have you called a small business, didn't get a response, were connected to an answering machine with an unprofessional or indifferent message and then hung up and never called back again ... EVER?

- Acknowledge customers immediately and service them promptly.
- Always, always fulfill special requests from customers when they ask.
- Go "above and beyond" what the customer would normally expect. Under promise and overdeliver.
- Listen and respond to customer ideas; these can be your new product or service offerings.
- Offer a "100% Satisfaction Guarantee". There are many types of guarantees. "Your Money Back" can be one of them but it doesn't HAVE to be. A satisfaction guarantee can cost you very little to make something right for a dissatisfied customer.

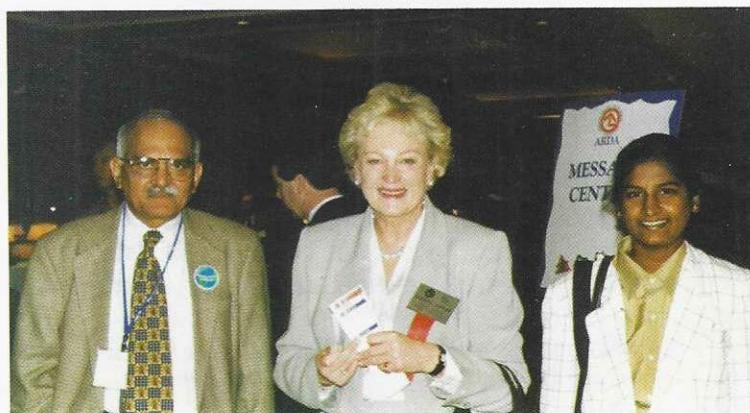
Three Best Practices for a Problem Recovery Program

Quick - Take care of unsatisfied customers BEFORE the end of the transaction. Make sure that you ask exiting customers if they were satisfied with the service. Look for negative attitudes, facial expressions, body language as well as what they SAY. Where you sense dissatisfaction, apologize and try to resolve the problem on the spot. The more quickly you resolve the issue, the less someone will expect the value of the fix to be. The longer that someone has to wait or the more effort they have to invest to have their problem resolved, the greater the value of fix they will expect.

Personal - Telephone or send a post card or e-mail to your customers within a week of the transaction to gauge their satisfaction. Where you discover a problem, call them or send them a personalized, hand written, quality card (not a form letter) with an apology along with a small gift.

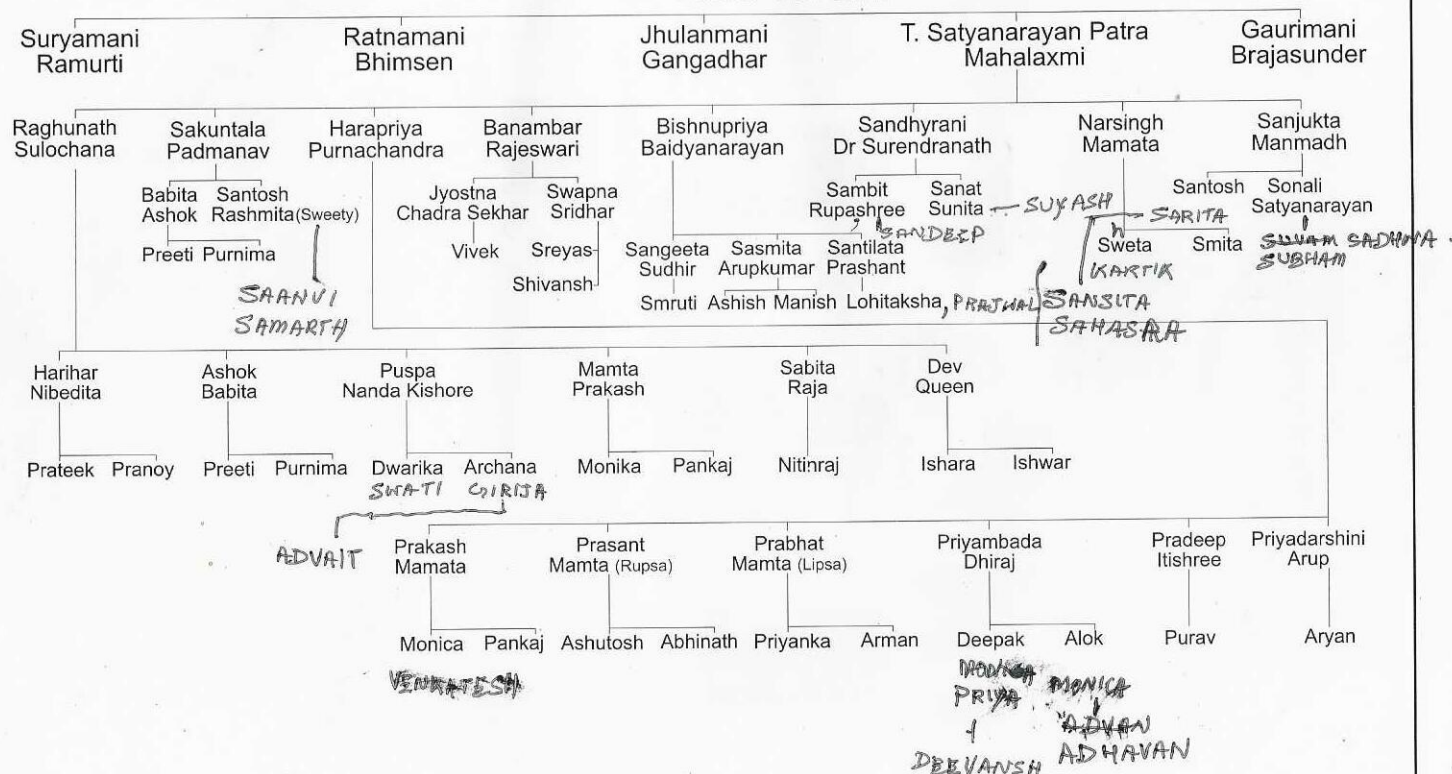
Customized - customize the resolution to the problem based upon the customer and the issue. The more you know about your customer or client and what they like and need, the more customized (and effective) your resolution can be.

- Collected by Swapna Rani Patra



Family Tree (Patra Family of Puri)

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Raghunath & Sulochana Patra Family



Raghunath | Sulochana



Harihar | Nebedita

Prateek



Pranoy



Ashok | Babita

Preeti



Purnima



Pushpa | Nanda Kishore

Dwarika



Archana



Mamta | Prakash

Monika



Pankaj



Nitinraj



Raja | Sabita



Lakshya | Geeta



Queen | Dev

Sakuntala & Padmanav Subudhi Family



Sakuntala | Padmanav



Babita | Ashok



Santosh | Sweety

Preeti



Purnima



Harapriya & Purnachandra Senapati Family



Harapriya | Purnachandra



Prakash | Mamata



Prasant | Rupsa



Prabhat | Lipsa



Priyambada | Dhiraj

Monika



Ashutosh



Priyanka



Deepak



Pankaj



Abhinash



Araman



Alok



Purav



Itishree | Pradeep



Aryan



Arup | Priyadarshini

Banambar & Rajeswari Patra Family



Banambar | Rajeswari



Jyotsna | Chandra Shekhar



Vivek



Swapna | Sridhar



Sreyas



Shivansh

Bishnupriya & Baidyanarayan Patro Family



Bishnupriya | Baidyanarayan



Sangita | Sudhir

Smruti



Sasmita | Arup Kumar

Ashish



Manish



Shantilata | Prashant

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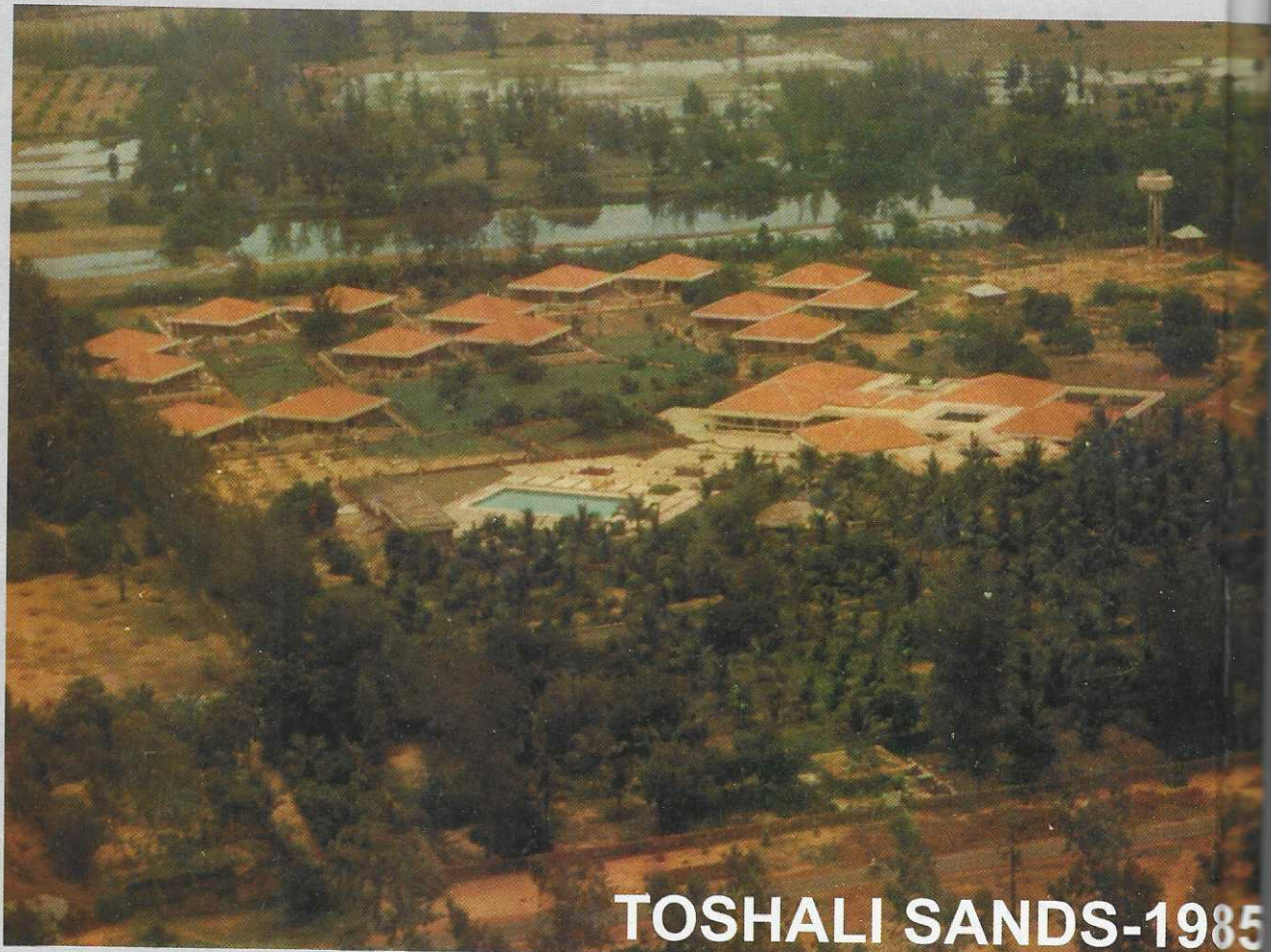


Narsingh & Mamta Patra Family



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