

Rajnikant Jivraj Mehta

Travails to Travels...

by Sujata Atul Mehta



मंजिल उन्हीं को मिलती है, जिनके सपनों में जान होती है
पंख से कुछ नहीं होता, हौंसलों से ही उड़ान होती है।

Your dedication and hard work has always inspired us.



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GOLDEN TEMPLE

By the author: Sujata Atul Mehta

For Our Children....

We are the only Sutras

They will read in their lifetime

The only Vedas they will see

The only Dharma they will follow...

I am truly blessed to have spent quality time over the past few years with Papa.

The early dinners and late chai pe charchas unfurled the rich tapestry of Papa's past which I have tried to immortalise and share with future generations.

I fervently wish that this story serves as a testament of resilience and perseverance he portrayed to preserve his roots.

If I had to summarise Papa's personality in words, I would unabashedly say it's all about...

GRATITUDE

This reminds me of a quote by Gaur Gopaldas:

“Gratitude is about a sharp memory.

Memory of all the kindness, service and good that we have received.

It is about action, reciprocation by showing our goodness, letting go of one-off blunders as they happen and positively continue our relationships.”



Rajnikant

I Pay Obeisance 🙏

To our Tirthankars for thy grace in my life.

To our Kuldevi Ambama for her positive vibrations of happiness, confidence and protection.

To our Guru Subodhsagar Maharajsaheb for his teachings and blessings.

To my humble parents for instilling values without which I would not have been the person I am today.

To my late wife Sudha for being a fortitude of strength and courage in all my endeavours.

To Bhogilal Jhaveri for being the visionary and angel investor to start my own business along with his son Kanu B Jhaveri.

I Thank

My children for being a pillar of strength in my old age.

My grandchildren for giving their invaluable time.

My great grandchildren for bringing colour into my life.



The Road to Juna Deesa

Jivraj Nagardas Mehta was born in Dhanera. Ever since he lost his father at an early age, he was taken care of and raised by his uncle Fojabha.

Eventually, Fojabha migrated along with his family and Jivraj to Juna Deesa.

After many years, when their ancestral home in Dhanera was cleared of old belongings, swords, armour and shields were recovered.

This infers that their forefathers were Rajputs and their lineage was traced back to Jhalore in Rajasthan.

They were Kshatriyas, warriors who migrated along with the Nawabs of Jhalore to Palanpur and its neighbouring villages.

These Rajputs came under the influence of a few Jain monks, viz Hir Vijaysuri, during the reign of Akbar and adopted Jainism.

They took upon various jobs which abided by the conduct of ahimsa.

The accountants at the palace of the nawabs embraced the surname 'Mehta'.

A few became jewellers trading in pearls and semi-precious stones which came from neighbouring countries.

From Palanpur, the ancestors of Nagardas went to Dhanera and finally settled at Juna Deesa.

Fojabha's family deserves its due as Rajnikant says, that was the beginning of their settlement into Juna Deesa which they finally called their home.

Juna Deesa became their Janma Bhoomi.



Dhapuben

Known as Ma, she was a simple but a very wise woman from Khimmat.

Showcasing fine leadership skills, she took the reins of running the household into her own hands. From her meagre means and with a large family to feed, she still served the Jain monks whole heartedly.

She followed the Jain principles of Vahyavach and Sadharmik Bhakti passionately.

Ma was the Chieftan of many upashrayas in Juna Deesa and handled their money transactions.

Esteemed members of the community used to come to her for advice and to solve their issues.

The daughters in law of the family used to tremble in her presence as Sudhaben would say.

Rajnikant's love for his parents, especially his mother is unfathomable and hence he designated us under the title Dhapuben Jivraj Nagardas Parivar.



Jivraj Nagardas Mehta

Lovingly called Bha, he was a very humble, peace loving man who married Dhapuben Kakkalbhai Jogani from Khimmat.

They made their home in a small hut owned by Fojabha's son Rajmal.

Here, Dhapuben bore nine children who were raised with a lot of love, compassion and integrity.

Bha dealt in pearls but wasn't quite successful since he suffered from asthma at an early age.

He loved his daughters in law and was quite lenient towards them.

Unfortunately, he passed at the age of fifty years.

Subodhsagar Maharajsaheb

Is the Jain Monk who brought fame and recognition to Juna Deesa.

I wish to write 'is' because his spiritual presence and teachings are still reverberating around us.

His real name was Vardhichand Chunilal Mehta and Jamnaba was his biological mother.

But he always regarded Dhapuma as his worldly mother which he announced publicly while giving sermons. Such was the devotion Dhapuma portrayed as a Shravika.

In his lifetime, he was bestowed upon with two titles 'Acharya' and the highest order of honour 'Gacchadipati' by the Jain Sangha.



Birth: Juna Deesa VS1979
Salvation: Ahemdabad VS2063



Early Days

The year was 1935, June 14th.

Dhapuben gave birth to her fifth child named Rajnikant.

Little did she know that this boy was to change the destiny of her family and their generations to come. It did not come easy but his struggles did not go in vain.

As there are no recollections of Rajnikant's early childhood and none of his siblings are alive, we do not have much information about his childhood.

From whatever Rajnikant fondly remembers, he studied till grade seven in Kumarshala near the Darwaja.

After school, the neighbourhood children used to play baseball. Those were his carefree days, but not for long. The financial strains at home deepened and he had to forego his studies in order to lighten the load.

At the tender age of eleven, in 1946, Rajnikant set out alone to Mumbai in search of a fortune to support his family.

This was the beginning of his struggle which he quietly endured for over a decade.



Bombay Big Dreams

- ▶ He stayed at Gurukul Chambers with his older brother Dalpatlal and attended the Kabubai Lalji Dayal High School. He studied there for almost two years but failed the ninth grade. During this period, he used to buy napkins from Arvind Mills and sell them in order to sustain himself. He did this by displaying the napkins in an upside down turned umbrella on the footpath outside Gurukul Chambers.





Hospital today.

In 1948, he went back home to continue his studies at Sir Charles High School with Sir K.T Mehta's support.

After studying for a few months, Rajnikant decided to go to Palanpur where his elder sister Kantaben was married.

At the tender age of fourteen, he got himself a clerical job at Mangalsi Vamansi hospital for a paltry sum of fifty rupees. Alongside that, he took up two tuitions of twenty rupees each. From his monthly income of ninety, he sent seventy rupees home and sustained himself from the rest.

This was however not possible without the help of his sister Kantaben whom he lovingly called Motiben and brother in law Rasiklal Saraiya.

Rajnikant used to sleep on a roll away bed on the floor of their shop for the night.

For food, Motiben used to give him chapatis and he would cook the vegetable himself in the storage area of the shop.

Till today, he recollects those days and has a lot of respect for his late sister and her husband, the late Rasiklal Saraiya.

He also received a lot of support from the late Girdharlal Bhansali during his stay at Palanpur.

Still Rajnikant wasn't satisfied so he went to Jaipur in the year 1949.

With a small tin bag, optimistic to find some stability, he knocked on the door of his uncle Babukaka.

Sadly, he did not last long and he left Jaipur for Bombay in 1950.

He went to his maternal uncle who lived in a Chawl at Kolbhaat Lane. There too, he was disappointed.

At the same time, he got acquainted with Balwant Milaapchandji.

With his support, Rajnikant shifted to Zaveri Bazaar.

It was a time when businesses were booming.

Here, he met Dinesh Bhansali and Babubhai Ratilal Bhansali. They became friends and together they dreamt of a bright future.

With just a place to sleep at Bhogilal Leherchand's office, the three of them started doing business together. They travelled to

various places like Jaipur, Kolhapur, Sangli, Meeraj, Pune and Bikaner to buy Parab Vilandi.

They would eat at the Palanpur Club where once again he met someone who became his friend for life, Amratlal Golawala.



The wheel of life was spinning and the stars were aligning in his favour. His destiny was about to change.

In Zaveri Bazaar itself,.

He happened to meet Bhogilal Jhaveri, who was fascinated by Rajnikant's enthusiasm and honesty.

Bhogilal took this opportunity to acquaint his son Kanu with Rajnikant and finance them provided they start business together.

Kanu's brilliant accounting skill together with Rajnikant's strong business acumen was like a house on fire.

They started trading and affiliated with Amratlal and Ratilal Bhansali.

In 1957, Rajnikant headed back home to get engaged to Sudha Deepchand Aakrani from Khimmat.

In 1958 he got married and in 1960 he brought her to Bombay. Finally, he could afford to buy his own place of fifteen square meters in Bahri building at Cotton Green.

It cost him two thousand five hundred rupees.

That was the first time he had his own place to sleep since he left home fourteen years ago.

Here, in 1961, Sudha gave birth to their first child named Atulkumar.

Rajnikant's sister Manjulaben came to Bombay to help Sudha manage the delivery and household.

He also received a lot of support from Manjulaben and her husband Ratilal Bhansali.

Rajnikant stayed in this place for three years. During the period from 1960 to 1962, he housed all his family members viz Pravin, Arvind, Dalpatlal, Bhogilal, Dahyalal, Pravin and Ramesh Mafatlal and Bharat Saraiya.

They all used to sleep on roll away beds in the lobby.



All this was not possible without the support of his wife Sudha. Soon, Rajnikant wedded his brother Arvind to Kamla, Pravin to Urmila and his younger sister Surekha to Rajnikant Shah.

By then, he was earning a decent amount of money and so bore all the costs of their weddings and also bestowed jewellery to the women as per our traditions.

Soon, he shifted to a bigger room with the help of his friend Amratlal, for which he paid rupees six thousand.

Here, Sudha made good friends with their neighbours Keshavjikka, Babubhai, Narmada and Kantaben. They helped Sudha adapt to city life.

Rajnikant even called for his mother and Dalpatlal to come and stay with them.

He funded his mother to go on a pilgrimage to Sametshikhar. Sametshikhar is considered to be the holiest pilgrimage in Jainsim.

This is because twenty tirthankars and numerous monks have attained moksha from the Shikharji hills.

He also got her treated for glaucoma and then sent her safely back home.

In 1962, Sudha gave birth to a baby girl Alka.



In the same year, they shifted to Navsari, just before China attacked India.

Here, he formed his company K.Chamanlal and set up a factory for the polishing of rough diamonds.

The years 1965 and 1966 saw the birth of their two sons Paresh and Milan respectively.

In 1968, Rajnikant took his first trip to Antwerp together with his brother in law Rajnikant Shah. He travelled extensively and got acquainted to the European lifestyle.

In Navsari, they stayed in the Karwad area amongst the Parsi community.

Here, once again, they hosted all their nephews and family members viz Ashok and Mukesh Saraiya, Hasmukh and Dilip Bhansali, Vinodkaka, Bhogikaka, Upendrabhai Jogani, Bipinkaka Jhaveri, Ramesh Chamanlal, Sumatilal and many others.

Sudha used to feed all of them whilst Rajnikant taught them the tenets of the diamond business.

They are all successful today and respect their Mama Rajnikant a lot.

His factory was booming and soon he opened a canteen for his diamond cutters. Till today, he hasn't used the word Ghasiya for the diamond cutters.

Soon, Rajnikant rose to be a very respectable figure within the Navsari Jain Community.

He even sponsored Acharya Subodhsagar Maharajsaheb's Chowmasi for two years.

Chowmasi is the monsoon period of four months when the Jain monks stay at one place and do not travel...so as to avoid stepping on small living beings which thrive during the rains.

He was also very involved in social work and was appointed as the President of Palanpur Samaj Kendra.



1970 saw floods in Navsari.

Rajnikant, along with his wife and children, provided food, blankets and medicines to the victims.

In 1971, India went to war against Pakistan.

Rajnikant, a true patriot, organised meals for the jawans at Navsari Railway Station.

He remembers how Magan maharaj made surti undhiyu near Dudhiya Talav.

His deeds made him very popular within the Congress Party in Navsari.

Rajnikant stayed in Navsari for almost twelve years. He made frequent trips to Antwerp and worked hard to establish himself as a successful businessman.

In 1975, he shifted with his family to Bombay.

His younger brother Pravin, who displayed great entrepreneurial skills, took control of the diamond factory.

Pravin lived in Navsari with his wife Urmila and daughters Ameeta and Sapna.

He took care of the factory until he retired in 1987-1988.

Arvind also lived in Navsari along with his wife Kamla and son Jayesh who joined the diamond business along with Rajnikant's sons Atul, Paresh and Milan.

Rajnikant considers Jayesh to be his fourth son. Jayesh resides in Antwerp with his wife Jigna and son, Aniket.



Rajnikant

In 1975, together with his family, he shifted to Mumbai.

He bought a modest apartment in Purnima building close to the Babubhai Amichand derasar in Walkeshwar, Mumbai. He continues to reside there to date.

The family lived a content life until in 2008, when Sudha's health started to deteriorate gradually.

She succumbed to a long illness and breathed her last in July 2010.

Rajnikant lost his confidence and gradually decided to resign from the office at K.Rajnikant.



Then in 2016, the grounds shook under his feet when he lost his daughter Alka, leaving him quite vulnerable.

During these turbulent times, his children held the ropes firmly and Rajnikant completely manoeuvred himself towards the welfare of society and his hometown.

Purnima, home to Rajnikant and the family saw many happy and sad times.



Today, he lives there with his youngest son Milan and his wife Sonal along with their sons Rushang and Rishin, Rushang's wife Vidhi and their twin girls Ruhaani and Naavya. A rare feat, four generations spanning the silent generation to generation alpha. The twin girls' favourite place is in his room where they hang out the most.

It is truly commendable how Sonal and Milan manage to bridge the inter-generational gap between their children and father Rajnikant.

This attribute of Milan's family should be given due credit as it sets an exemplary of the Indian joint family. It is not uncommon in our community but rare to see a family where Rajnikant the patriarch is given so much respect and love.



Paresh and Nisha, along with their daughters Rhea and Anaaya also lived together until 1999 whence they had to move out due to constraint of space.

They live at a stone's throw and are always around.

Nisha takes care of Rajnikant's medical needs and escorts him for his regular checkups.

Their older daughter Rhea and son in law Aman also live across the road.

The year 2022 saw the wedding of Anaaya who is addressed to as BabyBen by Rajnikant, to Vishaal.



Atul and myself with our children also stay close to Rajnikant's house when we are in Mumbai.

Hence, Rajnikant can move in between our homes at his own free will.

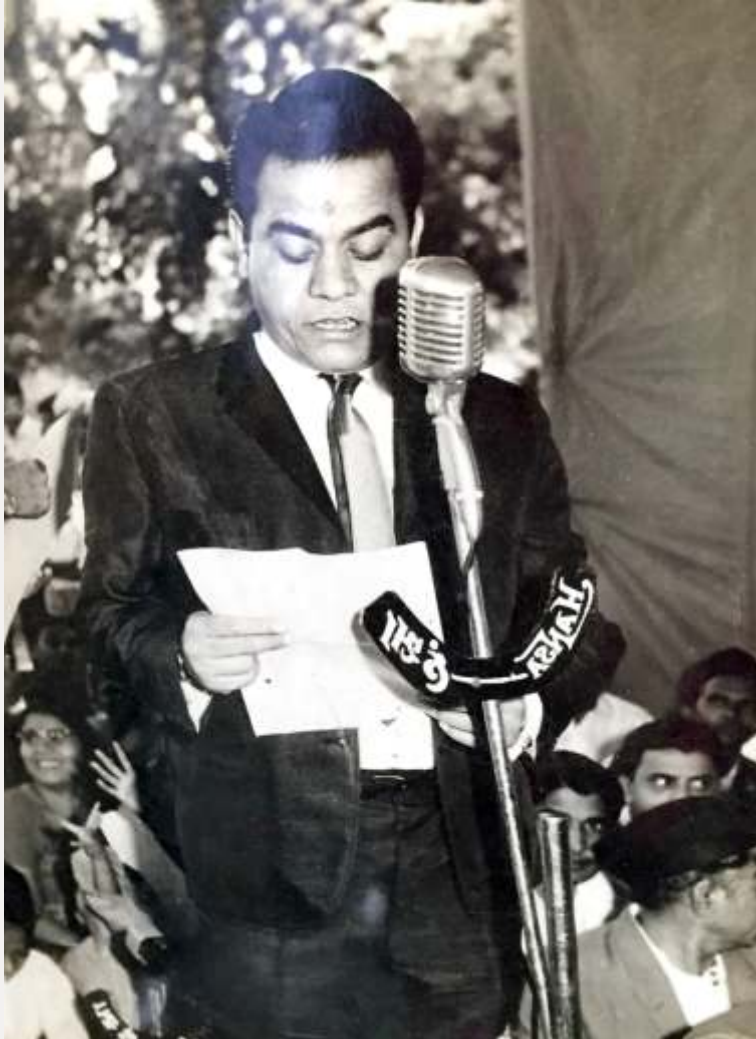
Atul shifted to Antwerp in 1981 and settled there permanently after our wedding in 1986.

Our boys Abhishek and Akarsh, now both married to Priya and Roshni respectively also live in Antwerp. They all look forward to their dada's visits to Antwerp and spend quality time with him.

We are truly blessed to see Abhishek's two children Arhaan and Reza also enjoy the company of their great grandfather whom they lovingly address as 'Big Dada'.

To join the gang, we have Akarsh's new born baby girl Reiya ,who can't wait to meet her Big Dada.





Dream, Believe & Achieve

Today, as he basks in the glory of the sunset of his life, waiting patiently and ready for his final call, he continues to work relentlessly to uplift the lives of the people in Juna Deesa.

A true philanthropist with no flashing lights or sound, a worker himself, he has over hundred people who earn their livelihood because of the institutions he runs.



His Passions

Love for food

Rajnikant stays connected to his roots by relishing marcha na bhajiya and sheero made out of wheat, jaggery and ghee.

He enjoys anything and everything from Desi to Videshi food like Rotlaa shaak, Pizza or Chinese.

A very flexible man with no complaints about food once served at the dinner table, he is truly a blessing.

Lately, his comfort food is khakhra and sweet milky Indian tea. Khakra is the Indian flat bread which is roasted.





Love for Cards

Rajnikant entertains himself by playing cards viz Rummy with a group of friends at the Gaware Club regularly which keeps him alert and entertained. His friends range from the age of sixty to ninety six years old.



Love for Cricket

He is passionate about the sport and in good spirits when his favourite team performs well.



Love for Politics

A firm believer in the RSS (Rashtriya Svayamsevak Sangh) in his youth and an ardent follower of Shree Narendra Modi, he lives his life with simplicity.

Sudha Rajnikant Mehta



Born on 18th January 1943, his wife for almost fifty four years deserves much recognition.

As Rajnikant humbly says, he could serve others because of the undaunting support from his wife.

A robust woman in her early days until afflicted with rheumatism and kidney failure, she was a pillar of fortitude with a deep faith in Jainism.

She portrayed calmness during her long struggle lasting four to five years, until she passed on the 22nd of July 2010 surrounded by her

entire family.

Rajnikant always says that she fed all his nephews and family members like her own children even when they struggled to make ends meet.

As daughters in law of the house, we were always told by her that 'By feeding others, our food doesn't become less'.
So keep the kitchen hearth going.

Much later did we realise that this hearth brought warmth, light, food and protection into our homes.



Till today, we abide by our mother in law's practice to be generous hosts at home, at the offices of K.Rajnikant in Mumbai and bhidimon in Antwerp.

This quality of hers is a priceless jewel which we inherited.

She loved her grandchildren immensely and travelled to Antwerp every year; even during her final years to spend the summers with them .She would seat us all down and feed us even when she was sick. Such was her love for us all.

Our children are truly blessed to have had her love showered upon them.



Alka Parag Mehta

Born on 17th November 1962

Passed on 25th December 2016

Alas, we lost our Santa Claus on Christmas Day!!!

To wrap fifty four years of her existence in a page is not possible.

A doting daughter of the family, knowing her for a day was enough to love her for a life time.

Of the thirty years I knew her, my admiration and fondness for her grew exponentially.

Though well dressed, bedecked with jewels and makeup, she had a glow that shone from within. Her beaming close lipped smile drew people towards her.

A devoted wife and an excellent daughter in law, she was an expert cook and a warm hostess.

All of Sion, the locality where she resided, let out a cry when she passed . Such was the charisma she exuded.

A diehard foodie herself, she was unfailingly thoughtful, catering generously to each one of us, sending food from Sion to Walkeshwar, to the office at Bharat diamond Bourse and even to Antwerp.

She was a giver, showering gifts upon each and every member of the household, even our helpers.

A lucky mascot of our family, giver of energy through her positive vibes and probably exhausting herself of it, which eventually led to her death.





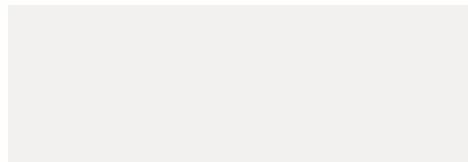
Paragkumar Mehta
Born 22nd December 1957
Passed 11th April 2020

Rajnikant's son in law, he was a quiet and composed man with a heart full of love for everyone. Sadly, he succumbed to the Corona Virus, leaving a gap in all our hearts.

They are survived by their only child Rushabh who has inherited the same qualities as his mother.

He continues the gifting process with much love and it seems more like a tradition to them.

He is a very lively, jovial young man whom we all cherish.



Amratlal Golawala

His best friend and confidante since 1954, till he embarked on his final journey in 2021 when Rajnikant lost a piece of his heart.

The two families travelled together widely on pilgrimages and holidays.

They were like two peas in a pod but also fought like Tom and Jerry.

Amratkaka, a very calm and flexible personality influenced Rajnikant's life in many good ways.



His Footprints

Pani ni Parab: In 1965,

In 1965, Rajnikant built a drinking water facility on the Deesa-Patan highway (where fresh water is stored in large clay pots under a shade).

This contribution displays his empathy towards the weary thirsty travellers who tread the dusty roads in the sultry heat of the long summers.

Till today, people who travel on foot or carts driven by animals, stop at this Parab to quench their thirst.



Panjrapple

During the years 1968-1970, Rajnikant pooled funds for the Panjrapple by selling tickets of a drama by Arvind Trivedi in Navsari. He collected quite a substantial amount of money through the sales and also received donation from Palanpur Samaj Kendra in Navsari.

To date, he continues to pull in funds from diamantaires and trusts to sustain the Panjrapple which belongs to the Deesa Yuvak Sangha.

He presides over the enterprise as the President since the year 1999, working together with selfless people who nurse the cattle and take care of the shelter.

No visit to Banaskantha is complete without seeing the Juna Deesa Panjrapple.

It is one of a kind and rather unique taking in sick and dying cattle. They take care of four to five thousand sick animals which are left at their gates by farmers when they are of no use.

His compassion towards animals is unparalleled.

Probably a reason why he is blessed with such good health.

Of late, he has undertaken a huge project of setting up new intensive care units and sheds to keep them cool in the summers.

His sons who portray similar passions have gradually started to take up the load and continue the works of their father.



Dhapuben Jivraj Nagardas High School

As a child, Rajnikant used to walk over seven kilometres, passing through an open graveyard to attend his shaala.

This memory stayed with him and he swore to himself that the day he had money, he would build a school in his village.

So, in 1968, with the help of Sir K.T Mehta and parting with almost all his savings, he set out to build his dream. His wife also backed him which highlights her respect for a good education.

The Revenue minister at the time, Shri Shantilal Shah helped Rajnikant acquire the land for the school.

He also received a lot of support from surrounding villages and the three Jain Samaj viz Oswal, Shreemal and Porwal.

Even his diamond cutters donated a part of their savings and finally his young daughter Alka laid the foundation stone in 1968. Soon, the school was built and named Dhapuben Jivraj Nagardas Mehta High School.

Sir K.T. Mehta, his dear associate was sworn in as the Principal. Rajnikant was appointed as the lifelong trustee and till today, he



keeps up to date with the operations of the school. He also travels to Juna Deesa to attend all their meetings and is actively involved in appointing new staff.

The school started humbly with some two hundred students and today it boasts over two thousand students.

After Sir K.T.Mehta, Sir Rajgor Saheb was Principal until his own retirement.

Since then, the acting Principal is Sir Prabodh Saheb.

The school has earned a lot of respect by producing fine students time and again, who have excelled in many fields and left a mark on society.

Many successful students have returned and contributed towards the school's welfare to show their gratitude.

The year 2019 saw the inauguration of Sudhaben Rajnikant Jivraj Nagardas Mehta Arts and Commerce college by the then Chief Minister of Gujarat Vijaybhai Rupani and Harsh Sanghvi, the current Home minister of Gujarat.

Mukesh Patel, our dear friend from Surat helped us achieve this dream. It was an overwhelming moment for us to witness.

The school is functioning under the Deesa Yuvak Sangha.



Electricity

Rajnikant, with the help of ex MLA Govabhai Desai and Ibrabhim Chawda, brought 24/7 electricity into Juna Deesa.



Bhojanshala

Since there are very few Jains living in Juna Deesa today, it wasn't easy for Jain city dwellers to come to their home town. So, to increase accessibility for visitors and residents alike, Rajnikant thought of opening a Bhojanshala.

He accorded a seed fund to get it rolling in 1990. The chef Amratlal is still seen in the kitchen with his wife Bhikhi

and helper Gorani who serve a delicious thali for a very nominal amount.

On the occasion of the 100year celebration of the Mahavir Swami Jinalaya temple, Rajnikant bid and took the functioning of the Bhojanshala upon himself.

He nullified all the losses incurred and made sure that no one ever passes that path hungry or thirsty.

Rajnikant is a lifelong trustee of the same.



Shantidham

On 19th October 2006, kartik sud saatam, Rajnikant built a final resting place for the people of Juna Deesa.

This vision he saw through the eyes of his Guru Subodhsagar Maharajsaheb whom he brought to reality.

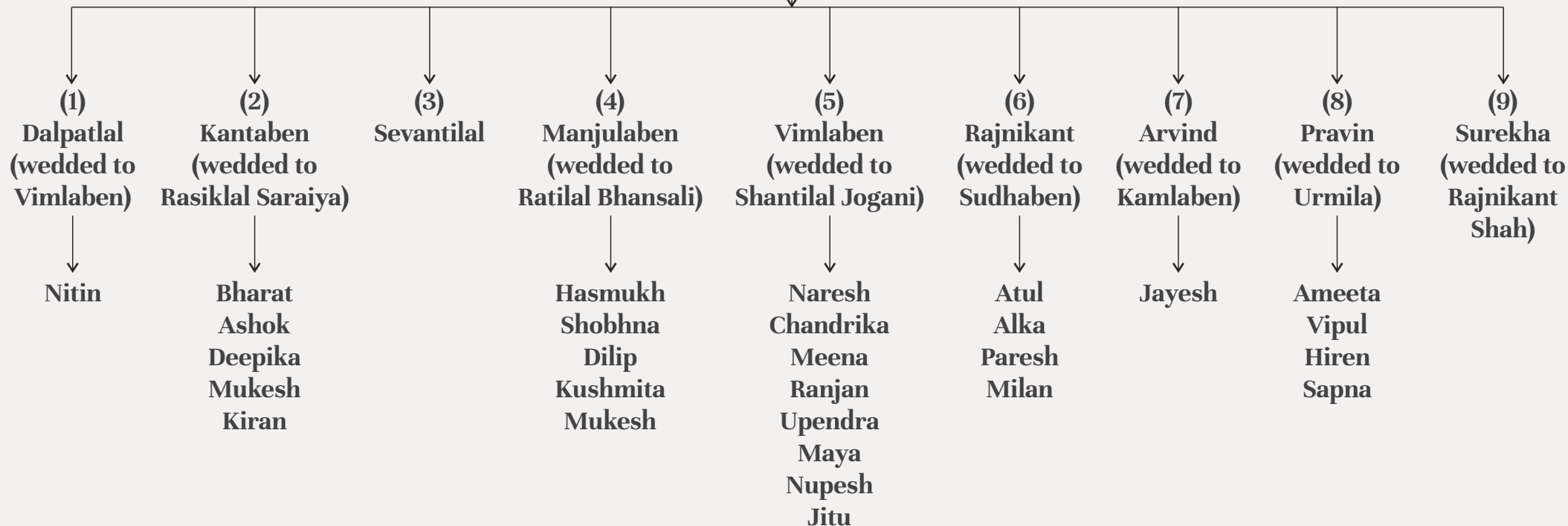
He contributed a substantial amount of his life's savings along with funding from the people of Juna Deesa as he wanted it to belong to the people.

The joy of the locals knew no bounds when the crematorium was officially opened. People attended in tens of thousands and Swami Sachinanand Dattani inaugurated it.

He also built a nice park for the children, in memory of his mother Dhapuben.



Jivraj Nagardas Mehta (wedded to Dhapuben Kakkalbhai Jogani)









Rajnikant, the custodian of our family, has now slowed down but his stellar efforts are now taken over by

A fine team of young and matured people including Rajubhai Sheth, Pravin Hira, Bharat Varia, Kamlesh Vardhi, Dilip Parmani, Mayur Vajani and his youngest son Milan

Navin Joshi, the manager at the Panjrapole helped me compile this book by taking pictures of Juna Deesa at my beck and call.

We were truly overwhelmed by the love and recognition Rajnikant received by the three sects of the Jain Sangha, Oswal, Shreemal and Porwal. Not only that, he was also acknowledged and praised by the Sanatan sect, all the 18 Aalam (the neighbouring villages) and the Muslim community for his selfless work in Juna Deesa. They also regularly give fodder to the Panjrapole for the animals.

April 25th, 2024

He was bestowed upon with the title of Samaj Ratna by the Jain sangha in presence of our Dharma Guru Yashovijay Maharajsaheb. He received it with great humility.

At Shantidham, he was felicitated and honoured by the unveiling of his bust alongside his late patrons Bhikhabhai Padhiyar and Shantibhai Barot. They also honoured him by naming a road, starting from Dhapuben Jivraj Nagardas high school to the Patan crossroads, as Rajnikant Jivraj Mehta Marg.

April 26th, 2024

At the Madhuvan grounds, where the new sheds of Panjrapole are being constructed, the people awarded him with a very compassionate title, 'The Godfather of all Sentient animals'. Rajnikant in turn, also acknowledged all the workers who toil endlessly to comfort the sick cattle.

At the Dhapuben Jivraj Nagardas High School, he was applauded for his vision, bringing 100% literacy into Juna Deesa and given the title of a Philomath, Shikshan Ratna.



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અને આર્થિક સંદેશ કરનારા અવા ઉદાર દિલ પ્રેમી વર્ક
અને માતા માતાપિતા પછી માવો દીબા પરમાણી
કરનારા કાફા ના સા વર્ષની ઉંજલામાં આપણે સા
સાક્ષી બનીએ અને એમનુ કાવન નંદુસ્ત, શુભમય
પ્રસાદ થાય એવા ઉદ્યેશ શુભકામના...દીબા પરમાણી

વિશાળ સ્ટરવુશ્ન સ્થળ સ્થાપના કાકા વિશે જેટલું કહીએ તેણે સ્નેહ છે તેમની શીતળ દામણાસમાં સ્થાપના કુટુંબને દેખાવે ઉછરી રહ્યું છે તેમજ કુટુંબ પ્રત્યે સમાજ પ્રત્યે, મજ પોતાના વલન પ્રત્યેના જનદેવતા સ્વર્ગ છે.

જકા વિશે જાણીએ કહેવું ઘણું જાણ્યું છે. આજ જીવનમાં સ્થાવિત મુશ્કેલીમાં તેમજ માર્ગદર્શન જોઈ રહ્યું છે. તે સ્થાપના માટે પથદર્શક છે.

શિલ્પા - વિભેશ

આવેલી દરેક વ્યક્તિ પર સંચાર પ્રેમ અને વાતચીત દર્શાવતા, જુનાઈયા જેનેસદના ત્રણેય સમાજના સંસ્માર સર્વમાન્ય આંધાણ, વાણીની વાતચીત દરેકે દેવા દેતા પણ વાતચીતના લાંબાની મુશ્કેલીઓ પ્રત્યે જુલજ સંવેદનશીલ અને સદાસ સદાસ કરવા તરખર, સમાજ પરીવાર, સગા-સનેહી, સમાજ તેમજ જુનાઈયા જેનેસદ અને વિદુ-મુશ્કેલ સહીત જુનાઈયાના સમાજ ગામજાની સંચાર બેંકમાંના મેળવનાર સેવા દિદારદીલ, કર્મીવાર અને દાનવીર એવા રજનીકાંકાની જીવન મંગલની ૯૦મી વર્ષગાંક નિમિત્તે કાર્ડિંગ રુબરુકાઓ.

આપની જીવન સદીના સંગીત વર્ષો આપમંગલમય સુખમય સેવામય અને તંદુરસ્ત સ્વાસ્થ્યપૂર્વક પૂર્ણ કરી એવી પ્રમુદ્ધપણુ પરમાત્માને સન્નયરૂના

સદામ-આપનો પ્રેમ અને વાતચીત પ્રેમવાર

આર આર શર્મા - મુંબઈ

મારા માર્ગદર્શક વડીલ શ્રી રજનીકાંકા
વંદન

જીવનના ૯૦ માં વર્ષના પ્રવેશની શુભ-કામના-સાધનારો સમય. ૨૦૨૦-૨૦૨૧, ૨૦૨૧-૨૦૨૨, જીવન પ્રવેશ મેરીટી સમ વર્ષો રહે; આપના કાર્યે જીવનની શાંતિ અને કૃમ સુખાસિત વાત છે. કાર્ડિંગ, પાંચરૂપ, તાજશાળા, મુશ્કેલી, સાધાર્ણ ના કરેલા કાર્યે સદાસ આપને યાદ રાખી.

સુખાસિત સુધાનવિન-પુત્રી-પુત્ર-પદ્મ
આ આપના કાર્યે આ ઉચ્ચક વધારી
પરિવાર ને દાખલાદ

અને આપના જીવો સમાજ
માં (સદાસ રહે) તેવા આશીર્વાદ
આપજો, પ્રેરણા આપજો

આપનો
પ્રવાજ જાણ આંખની
(૫. ૨૦૨૧)

એમમારા કુટુંબ-પરિવાર ના મોલી અને આદર સ્વલે
એવરે રજનીકાંકા, એમમારા મિલજી વિનોદલાઈ વચ્ચે પુષ્પ કાકાની
કુટુંબ-પરિવાર પ્રત્યે કરી પણ કરી હવેની વાતચીત એ સમાજ
કુટુંબ ને જીવન રાખવા છે.

રજનીકાંકા અને હરે હરે સમાજે શીખ આપવા કે
"મા-લાપની સેવા કરે સનેજ દાર સુખી વળે છે" વચ્ચે શ્રી ની
એવા શીખ સમાજને સ્પર્શવા છે.

શ્રી રાજીવભાઈ

એમમારા કુટુંબ પરિવારના મોલી શ્રી રજનીકાંકા
જી સનત અર્જરમીન પ્રેમ અને આશીર્વાદ આજ
જીવન દરમ આં તે આંજી ઓઠુ સંગદાન છે. પરિવાર,
સમાજ, માનવકલ્યાણ, સાર્વજનિક વાગિન વ્યા જીવવાયા
ના ઉપયોગી સવાનો પ્રેમણા ને કાકા ને દેવ છે.
એમની આંજી પડાને આપણા આંજીયા ધાને, અને
પુણ્ય ઉપાદાનની સમાજ કાકાને આપી અને
આજ મુખી કું જેનું પાલન કરે હું. શ્રી રજનીકાંકાની
જીવણામાં આં સદાસ આજ કાકાને કૃમ પ્રત્યે એ જ
આભિલાષ

બી. વિ. બી. મહેતા

શ્રી. ૨. ૫. ૨૦૨૨

આજના વચ્ચે સેવા જાણી-ઉદાર વિલ કાંકા,
આપના સુરહોઈ આંજીયાને
આપણી ૯૦મી જન્મજયંતી અને સદાસ
જીવન સંવેદન માટે હું આંજી પ્રવેશવું છે
આપણી પ્રેરણા અને સાર્વજનિક સંદેશ્યો
આંજીયાને સંજીની જીવન સંવેદન
વચ્ચે કીર્તિ આંજી રહી છે. આંજી આંજીયા
જીવન કીર્તિની લોકોને આંજીયા જીવન
ઉદાર વચ્ચે સંવેદન કરું, અને કીર્તિ આંજીયા
વચ્ચે આંજી. આંજી આંજીયાને કીર્તિ આંજીયા
આંજી પ્રેમ અને આંજીયાને કું આંજીયા
એક આંજીયાની કીર્તિ આંજીયા આંજીયાને
આંજી આંજીયાની કીર્તિ આંજીયા પ્રવેશવું
આંજીયા આંજીયાને એવા આંજીયા કું
પ્રવેશવું આંજીયાને આંજીયાને કીર્તિ આંજીયા
આંજીયા આંજીયા

બી. પ્રવેશવું આંજીયા
ઉપ આંજીયાને આંજીયાને આંજીયા
૯-૧-૨૦૨૨

જાણી ગુજરાત

રજીસ્ટર્ડ/સર્કલ સોશિયલ મીડિયા આવુતિ...



મેનેજિંગ ડિરેક્ટર: રૂપાંજન ઘાલુરા

જુનાડીસા ગામના દાનવીર ભામાશા રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતાના 90 માં જન્મદિવસ નિમિત્તે હિન્દુ-મુસ્લીમ સમાજના લોકો દ્વારા શુભેચ્છાઓ પાઠવી



જુનાડીસા ગામના દાનવીર ભામાશા રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતા જેમને જુનાડીસા ગામવાસીઓને જુનામનું વરુ રજનીકાંત તરીકે ઓળખે છે તેમના 90 માં જન્મદિવસ નિમિત્તે હિન્દુ-મુસ્લીમ સમાજના લોકો દ્વારા શુભેચ્છાઓ પાઠવી કીમી બેઠતા વિચાર્યું પુસ્તકથી

જુનાડીસા ગામના દાનવીર ભામાશા રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતા જેમને જુનાડીસા ગામવાસીઓને જુનામનું વરુ રજનીકાંત તરીકે ઓળખે છે તેમના 90 માં જન્મદિવસ નિમિત્તે હિન્દુ-મુસ્લીમ સમાજના લોકો દ્વારા શુભેચ્છાઓ પાઠવી કીમી બેઠતા વિચાર્યું પુસ્તકથી

જુનાડીસા ગામમાં આજ રોજ ઓસવાળ જૈન સમાજ સમસ્ત જુનાડીસા ગામને રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતા 90 માં જન્મદિવસ ને શુભેચ્છાઓ પાઠવી રહ્યું છે જુનાડીસા ગામના દાનવીર ભામાશા તરીકે ઓળખાતા ધરાવતા જૈન સમાજના રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતા જેમને જુનાડીસા ગામવાસીઓ નુલામનું નામ રજનીકાંત તરીકે ઓળખાતા તેઓએ જુનાડીસા ગામના લોકો ભારી માણીને આનંદ વધી શકે તે માટે જુનાડીસા ગામ ખાતે સ્થાપના વ્યવસ્થા કરી આવી તેમજ ગામની બાબત ઠીકઠીઓ ગામમાં જ કોલેજ કરે તે માટે બમણાં તાલુકામાં જુનાડીસા ગામ ખાતે ઓસવાળ આર્ટ્સ એન્ડ કોમર્સ કોલેજ ચાલું કરવા કરવામાં આવી છે તેમજ જુનાડીસા મહાજન પાંચરાપોળ નું સંચાલન રજનીકાંતની દેખરેખ હેઠળ થાય છે કોલેજ નો કપરો કાળ હતો તે સમય દરમિયાન પણ રજનીકાંત જેવા મહાન વ્યક્તિ દ્વારા જુનાડીસા ગામ માટે ઓક્સિજનની સેવાઓ પુરી પાડેલી હતી. આજથી ઘણા વર્ષો પહેલા જુનાડીસા ગામમાં લાઈલની સમસ્યા હતી તે સમય દરમિયાન પણ આ જ દાનવીર ભામાશા એ જાપોતિ સમ ધોષના હેઠળ ભરવાનો થતો જોકે કાળો તેમના પોતાના નિસ્વામી ભરીને જુનાડીસા ગામના લોકોમાં ધરોમાં રર કલાક વાઈટ મળી રહે તેવી વ્યવસ્થા કરાવી જ્યારે જ્યારે જુનાડીસા

ગામને જરૂર પડે છે ત્યારે આ દાનવીર ભામાશા દરિયાકિલ ભવી બેસે છે આજરોજ જુનાડીસા ગામના દાનવીર ભામાશા રજનીકાંત જીવરાજ મહેતા 90 માં જન્મદિવસ શાંતિધામ ખાતે પ્રતિમા મુકાઈ તેમની પ્રતિમાની સર્થ સાથે શાંતિધામ ના ખરા સ્થાપક ભોખાભાઈ પદીયાર તેમજ શાંતિધામ બ્રહ્મમંત્ર ની પ્રતિમા મુકવામાં આવી આ પ્રસંગમાં સમસ્ત જુનાડીસા ગામ હિન્દુ મુસ્લિમ સમાજના આરેવાનો મુસ્લિમ સમાજ પ્રમુખ મહંમદખાન મંડોરી, હિન્દુ સંવાલન સમાજ ના પ્રમુખ દેવીપભાઈ બારોટ, સંવાલન સમાજના ઉપપ્રમુખ જાલીસાભાઈ પદીયાર, ઓસવાળ આર્ટ્સ એન્ડ કોમર્સ કોલેજના કેમ્પસ ડાયરેક્ટર પ્રમોદભાઈ મહેતા, 285 ગામ મોઠી સમાજના પ્રમુખ અરવિંદભાઈ મોઠી, હસાનુલભાઈ મોઠી, પૂર્વ સાંસદ સમય દિનેશભાઈ અનાવડીયા, ખેતીવાડી ઉત્તમ બજાર સમિતિ ચેરમેન મોવાબાઈ દેસાઈ, સુરેશભાઈ બારોટ, જીવારુભાઈ છવાલિયા નવીનભાઈ જોશી, જીનુભાઈ મંડોરી, વિપુલભાઈ પુનડીયા, હાલકાડા, સુનુભાઈ ઘાણી, કુલભાઈ ઘાણી, તલ્લીટી કમ મંત્રી શ્રી હેમંતભાઈ પંચોલાલા વલીવટ દાર શ્રી હરમણભાઈ હાફેર તેમજ હિન્દુ મુસ્લિમ સમાજના આરેવાનો નામી અનામી લોકોને 90 માં જન્મદિવસની શુભાકાંતઓ પાઠવી હતી...

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Ode to Rajnikant Mehta:

From dust he rose
Of humble beginnings
At a tender age of eleven
Ventured out on his journey
From Juna Deesa to Mumbai, back to Deesa
To Jaipur, to Palanpur
To Mumbai, to Navsari
Returning back to Mumbai
Finally making it his home

A man not forgetting his roots
School, cemetery, charities, animal shelter to his name
An octogenarian
Proud of his family
Humility in fame

Witnessing tragic moments
The prolonged illness of his wife
The untimely death of his dear daughter
Still standing strong
Hence we celebrate
His life journey and the very essence of life
We salute you Papa
All what you stand for
Discipline, integrity, hard work and ethics...
A self-made man
An idol we respect and worship
A father we love
A family man
With feet on the ground
Content with life
Fondly called KAKA in the diamond district by many
He is none other than
Our Rajnikant Mehta

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