



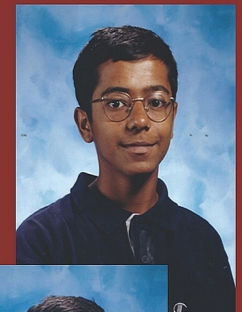
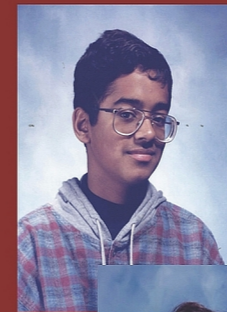
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*This, part 2 of his autobiography, is his ninth book.*

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Sheo and Neeru in the middle, surrounded by starting from left bottom Saurabh, Sanjay, Sameer and Sudhir.

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DEDICATION

*I would like to dedicate this book to my children, Sanjay, Saurabh, Sameer and Sudhir, who grew up during this time*

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## PROLOG

It's been one full year since I put together a biography of my pre-USA days. At that time, I wasn't too sure of my next book. The rate of my cancer has progressed slowly and allowed me time to finish this part of this book (which covers up to 2005). Now after one full year has passed. We had wanted to present the next sections on NY, PA and NJ but due to restriction of pages (<600) we had break them apart. So we published the NY and PA section as GROWING OUR FAMILY NY, PA & NJ Sheo Khetan, Life Story, Part 2. The present book is the story of my life part 3 in NJ.

In 1985, I had a change of job again and moved to New Jersey to join the start -up company, ANADIGICS and built the organization from 8 to a company of >600 employees. We stayed here in the Millington area from 1985 to 1993. In this house we were with kids and here we met my Friend Prem Gupta and his wife Jaya. We immediately made a connection for kids activity as well as our Bridge and Tennis activities. In this house my father came to visit us and was with us for about 6 months. Two days after his coming my Bhua died in India. He wanted to return, but we kept him here. We kept him for 6 months here, taking him for ISKCON KRISHNA TEMPLE

In this time we went to India to attend my younger brother Gopal's marriage to Manjari.

We also, always stayed close to Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi and met him twice a year for Christmas and Raksha Bandhan. Kids were going through schools, they had Boy scouts of America activities. We also were active in Agarwal Sammelan, and Rajasthani picnic and some trips here and there. Bhaiyya ji came here in 1990 and joined us in Agrasen Samaj Diwali programs.

In 1994 I was promoted as V.P. of Anadigics

In 1995 Neeru's baboo ji visited us, and we took them to Purushottam Kanodia's place.

In 1995 our company went Public for the first-time on The NASDAQ market

In 1996 our baboo ji passed away in India. In 1996 Madhu (my brother's daughter) married Sanjeev Kataria in 1997. Sanjay graduated from School and went to University of Michigan in 1996 and 1997 we took a trip to Jamaica and Italy with Mahesh Baboo.

In 1997 ANADIGIS went public for the second time.

In 1998 Raghunath Bhabya's 25th anniversary was celebrated. Next year my 50th birthday was celebrated.

In 1999 we went for a trip to Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, and a trip to the Grand Canyon without Sanjay. In 2000 my basement was finished, my 25th anniversary was celebrated, and an Alaska Cruise happened in 2000.

Anadigics had a new management structure and I was sidelined and continued several important tasks as VP of Manufacturing Technology for almost 18 months, I left in 2001.

I joined another startup, NANOOPTO, but left next year.

From 2002 the following activities applied my time, India visits 2001, 2003 and 2004, for Manish's marriage, general activities, and Sanjay's upcoming marriage IASC, I became the President during 2002 and 2003

Then came 2005, a year where several bad things and a GOOD thing happened.

First My mom's funeral in 2005  
and Neeru's mom's funeral in 2005

Sanjay and Deepa got engaged.

Saurabh got ready (trained rigorously for 7 months) for the upcoming Marine duty assignment in Iraq.

Soon thereafter I had a stroke and lost consciousness on May 17 Next Book (after 2005, the stroke), I will start right now, but completion is not guaranteed

## PART 3 NEW JERSEY PRE-STROKE 1985-2005

1985

The year I joined ANADIGICS in September 1985. I was staying in a house (rented space in a house at Rock Avenue in NJ. Every weekend I would drive to Pennsylvania where my wife was taking care of 4 little children, Sanjay 6, Saurabh 2, Sameer 7 months and Sudhir 7 months, a **superwoman** task for her.

In that month, hurricane Gloria struck the east coast and caused massive flooding. On September 24 our Pennsylvania home had water filled in basement. A couple of days I had taken to tackle with the effects of that storm.

During this time, I was commuting back and forth and was looking for a home in New Jersey. I finally found a home in New Jersey and it was close to my work. The home was at 3 Deer Run, Millington. I did a closing on the house at 200k\$ price and signing amount of 40K\$. Of this 10K\$ came from my employer and 10K\$ I took loan from Todi ji, that I settled within 1 year.

We put Sanjay in Millington school in grade 1.



Sanjay in 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Millington School

On November 7, I moved my family here.

In this house we had the first party on Christmas 1985.

On the Christmas, all the people were here, our family, Raghunath Bhaiyya and family, Mahesh Tekriwal



Asha Tekriwal, and Nisha; Braj Agrawal, Pushpa Agrawal and Alope, Naval todi and Neelam todi attended and did various skits and songs etc.

1986

1986 was a year which started in our new, Millington home, which had a six people family, Me, Neeru, Sanjay (6), Saurabh (2 and twin babies Sudhir and Sameer not yet one yet

First Sanjay had 20 teeth by January 25, 1986. We got him to use a bike. We took him to the swimming pool. We took him for tennis. He was mature and shared his toys with others.

Sometimes he would 'Rutho' but we would get him to quiet down quickly. He was a peacemaker. He was fond of Nickelodeon Channel on TV. He liked Disney Channel too.

In toys, he would like Voltron and Transformers too. He loved the book "But No Elephants."

Sanjay was at Millington School, in 86 87, in 2d grade.



Sanjay in Millington School in grade 2 1986-1987

On February 7 we celebrated his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday

We celebrated at Burger King, Stirling. We had a bunch of school friends and family friends there.



Sanjay with his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday Cake



I helped Sanjay cut his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.



Saurabh's hand goes up, while all others enjoying the cake



All the partygoers



Sanjay with gifts at home, while Naveen, Monica, and Saurabh watch



Sanjay opens a gift, while Naveen and Monica watch, while twins are busy playing with whatever they liked.

On 21<sup>st</sup> February we celebrated Twin's Birthday

The birthday was in our Millington house and was attended by Sheela and Surendra Bagadia, Shanthi and Palaiyur Kalyanraman who we called Kalyan, Prem and Jaya Gupta, and Meena and Naresh Bhagat.



Twin's first birthday, Sheela, Shanti, and Jaya



Twin's first birthday



Twin's first birthday January 21, 1986



Twin's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday food



Twin's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday gifts, as Saurabh who was almost 3 and Sanjay examine it.



Sameer in Meena Bhagat's Lap on 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

Saurabh was in his third year.

He was fond of playing with He Man, Blocks, Teddy Bear and Legos.

The books he was very fond of were 'I Like to help my Mommy', 'Three Pigs' and of course 'But No Elephants'.

He was very fussy about eating. Did not like Roti-Subzi. He loved Eggs, Candy, Cookie, Middle of the toast, and

of course “Pindi”—his favorite peanut butter Sandwich.

He slept in his room from 9:30 PM to 8:00 AM, but since moving to NJ came to Papa’s room in the middle of the night.

He was afraid of Monster Movies and Dogs and specially scared when Papa did a trick with eyelids flipped over. One thing we noticed was that he was somewhat insecure and jealous of the twins and did all kinds of tricks to draw attention.

So, on 4/26/86 we celebrated his third birthday at home. Mommy had hurt her ankles, so the third ‘BIG’ birthday party got cancelled. We celebrated with Mahesh/Asha Tekriwal, Surendra (Lala)/ Sheela Bagadia, and Braj and Pushpa Agarwal

Saurabh’s between 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday

A little shy, played with brother Sanjay in basement. His Favorite toys ‘Pound Puppies’ and ‘Cabbage Patch Kids. Eating habits, generally ate Croissant, toast by himself; Lunch, mom packed Sandwich, milk and cookies for school, Dinner with Papa or, loved candy and cookie.

Brushed his teeth starting 8/86, Changed and went to bed with Rajai in his mouth.

Started his education September 86 in Young World Montessori School, initially a little scared in taking the bus. Mrs. Slater was his teacher. Mrs. Karin Stenzel would give ride to him, sometimes. Two friends were named Brad and Sharmila. On the big day at school (Open House, a special day, mom, dad and Dadaji and Dadiji visited. Saurabh made ‘Bubble cake’ himself.

In 1986 we were planning to call Baboo ji and Ma here for an extended period. They got the tickets,

and arrived in June 1986. 2 days later we got the news of Bhua’s unfortunate death. Baboo ji was very

sure to return to India, but we convinced him to stay here. So unwilling to stay here, baboo ji was forced to stay here.

Madhu had written some letters to him to come to bhua’s death, but he though very hurt, ignored them.



*Bhua Srimati Parvati Devi Lakkad*

Year (1918-1986)

Baboo ji had a urine (dilatation) problem. Once in June, while going to Brooklyn, to see Mahesh Baboo and Lala where they both were employed in the hospital, he developed a serious problem.

We immediately called Mahesh baboo, who was ready to do the dilatation on him as soon as we entered the hospital. He immediately performed the dilatation on him, and he got to proper health.

In July we all (us +Raghunath Bhaiya and family and Braj and Pushpa) got together and took Ma/Baboo ji to ISCON Krishna temple



ISCON Temple visit---SK seen in front.



ISCON temple visit—Bhabhi twin 1, I, Ma, Pushpa, and Braj with Amit, Alok, Alka. Baboo ji, Neeru and twin 2 in lap and Sanjay in front



ISCON Trip continued—Raghunath, Prem Bhabhi, Ma and Baboo ji sitting, with Sanjay holding Saurabh's stroller, Alka and Anju in the back

Baboo ji was here in October 31 (Halloween). Our house was decorated in Halloween's day.



Halloween day, Sanjay, and Saurabh in the foreground with Pumpkin And Baboo ji seeing from the entrance of the house.



October 31, 1986 – Babbo ji sitting, Ma Standing in the back and Sanjay, Saurabh, and the twins in the front



Ma, Baboo ji with Pushpa in the middle



Ma with all our family at Hanuman Mandir

It is our custom that when the babies are 1 year old, we take them to Salaser and Malasi in Rajasthan for complete 'Mundan', where all their hair is donated to Temple. Since we had no plans at this time to take them to Rajasthan, so it was decided that we take them to New York's Hanuman Temple and have the ceremony there (with cutting a small clips of hair). We went to Hanuman Temple with Ma, Baboo ji and Braj and Pushpa for this ceremony



One twin is crying, as I Hold him while barber is cutting his hair.



Second twin is held by Neeru while Ma Watches



The twin crying as I hold him together.

We had Rakhi at Todi ji's house. After finishing that when we returned home, they had burglarized our house. The thieves broke the windows in the house, and they took old styled 2 pieced VCR. We never found out who did it.

All 4 boys were getting a nice time at home.



All 4 brothers together

In December, baboo ji and Ma left for India. We also left for India for Gopal Chacha's Marriage, Raghunath and his family also left for India. We all left around 29th of December 1986

Our new year's celebration was done in India only.

On January 4, 1987, we celebrated Baboo ji's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday in Bombay in the bhaiya ji's apartment.



Madhu helping Baboo ji cut Birthday while Sanjay and Saurabh watch it.



Baboo ji blowing candles, while Madhu and Bhaiya ji watch

The marriage of Gopal was scheduled on January 18. Before that we all went to Malad Beach  
For enjoying the beach



Me & Gopal give the pull to Neeru out of beach as Prem Bhabhi watches.



Me and Gopal pulling Bhabhi from beach as Suresh Baboo watches.



All of us enjoying at the beach

Soon the January 18, Gopal's Marriage date to Manjari Arrived and the whole family was there.



Bhagwan Bhaiyya lying on the floor, Sharda, Suresh Baboo, and Bhaiya ji (partially Hidden)



Sharda, Suresh Baboo, and Baboo ji



Bhabhi ji, Neeru. Prem Bhabhi presenting flowers to Suresh Baboo for a ceremony,  
While sharda sits and watches



Shanti (sitting), Neeru and Prem Bhabhi



Gopal under a “chaat”



Gopal getting ready for marriage, Ma, Neeru, Sharda and other married ladies do a ceremony while Saurabh watches.



Gopal getting ready, Madhu does a tilak on him, Saurabh watches.



BIMLA Bhabhi ji, Ma and Mami ji



Manjari after marriage



Mami ji, Manjari, Ma, Alka and Baboo ji



Alka feeding Manjari.



Prem Bhabhi feeding to Newlywed Manjari



Gopal and Manjari's wedding

Thus, the marriage passed peacefully, and we came to the USA in end of January.

On February 7, 1987 we celebrated Sanjay's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday at Showbiz, NJ

It was a place for kids' games and for Sanjay, it had a place for kids to mingle and play.

Besides Sanjay's school friends there were Monica and Priyanka and their parents Jaya and Prem Gupta



Sanjay and his friend in front of a superstation



Priyank, Sanjay and his friends



Sanjay and Priyank



Jaya Gupta (Priyank's Mom) and her Daughter Monica Gupta



Sanjay in the middle of his friends

February 21 was at hand. On February 21 we celebrated the Second Birthday of twins



Twin's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday cake visible, along with Sanjay and Priyank also



Twins' birthday, Vivek Karmarkar and Monica Gupta seen.



Mom helps Twins birth cake as Sanjay and Priyanka watch.

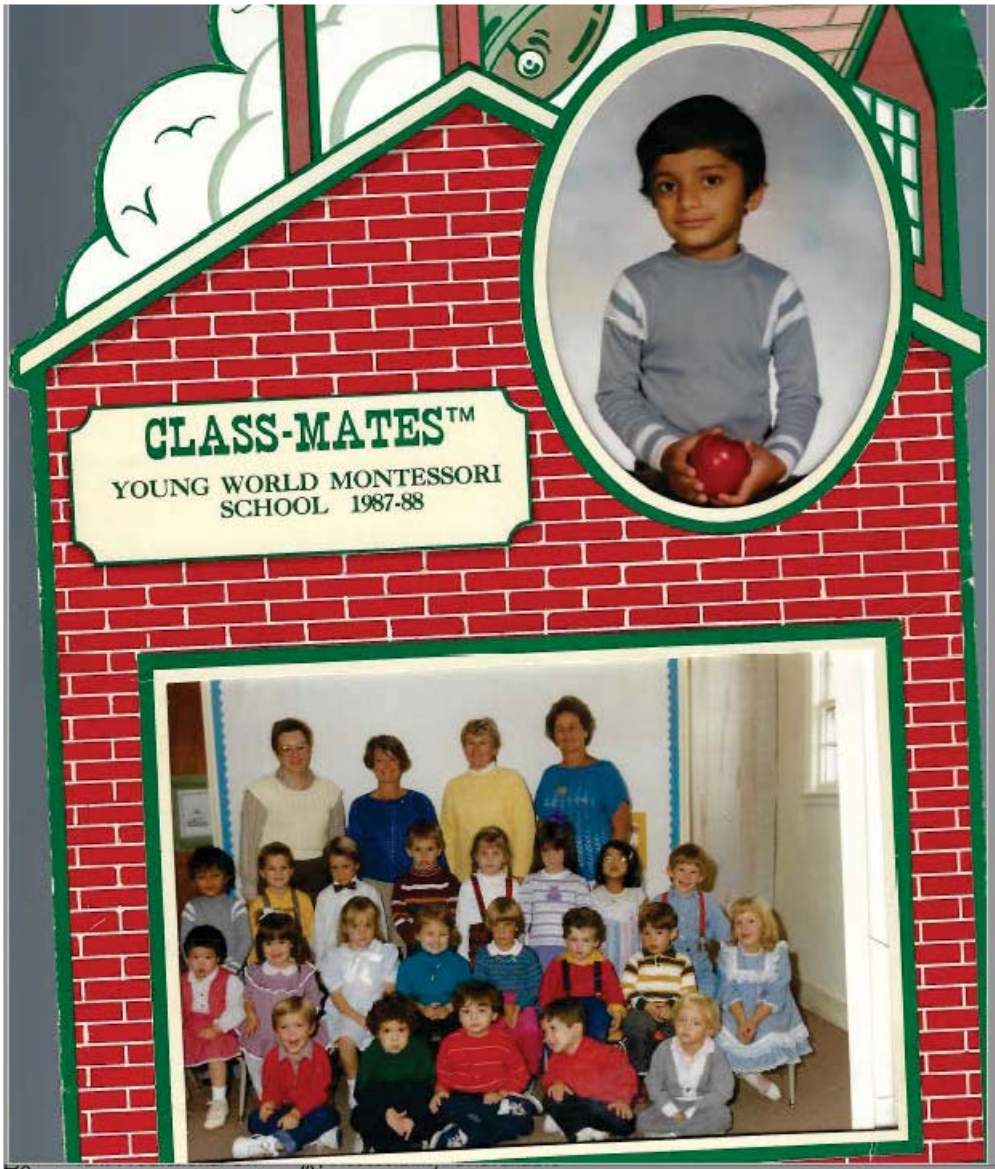


One of the twins sitting on chair while sanjay blows on his blower.

Saurabh's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on 4/26/87 we could not celebrate, because Mom's hand was sprained, so no birthday celebration party for him. We nicely cut cake for him at home ourselves.



Dad cutting the cake on Saurabh's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Saurabh with all the School kids photograph in 1987-88

In June 1987 I attended a course on Hazardous Materials by J T Baker



87 Rakhi celebration we did our home with all the kids participation.



!987 Rakhi at our home: Neeru with both twins, Alka, Amit, Sanjay, and Saurabh and Bhabhi with Anju



Bhabhi with Anju in the lap, and Amit watching.



Alka tying rakhi to me while Mom watches.

Lastly, we went to Franklin Park, Michigan home of Bhaiyya, to celebrate the Christmas



Bhaiyya's apartment with Christmas Tree and gifts lined up.



I pick a gift as Mom and the kids watch.



Bhabhi picks her gift as Neeru, and kids watch.



Raghunath Bhaiya picks his gift, kids watch.



Sanjay picks his gift.



Amit picks his gift.



Alka picks her gift.



Neeru picks her gift.



And finally, One of the Twin walks happily with his gift

And in the end



Amit and Sanjay sing a Christmas Carol “on the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me....”

And Saurabh, Sameer and Sudhir had their pictures taken with Santa Claus



Saurabh with Santa Claus



Sameer with Santa Claus



Sudhir with Santa Claus

1988

The first thing we celebrated was on 16<sup>th</sup> January, Mahesh Baboo, and Asha ji's Anniversary in our home.



Mahesh baboo, Asha ji cut their cake as Angie, Saurabh, and Mom watch.

Then it was the 9<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sanjay, which fell on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. We celebrated it in the local bowling alley with his school friends and Prem, Jaya, Priyank and Monica Gupta. In the bowling alley, we got a nice cake for him

to cut.



Sanjay's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday cake at the bowling alley



Sanjay blowing the candles.



Sanjay opening gifts as Saurabh, Monica, and Sameer watch.



Sanjay's friends enjoy the Bowling alley on his birthday.

Soon thereafter we came to the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the twins. On 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1988, we invited Mahesh Tekriwal, Lala (Surendra Bagadia), Braj Agrawal, Nand ji todi, Prem Gupta, Dileep Karmarkar...a new friend we came to know at that time. Kalyanraman, and Gajendra Singh--who was younger brother of Omvir Singh.



Twin's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday cake



Shashi Bhabhi ji and Jaya help with cake



Visitors Prem, Todi ji and Gajendra



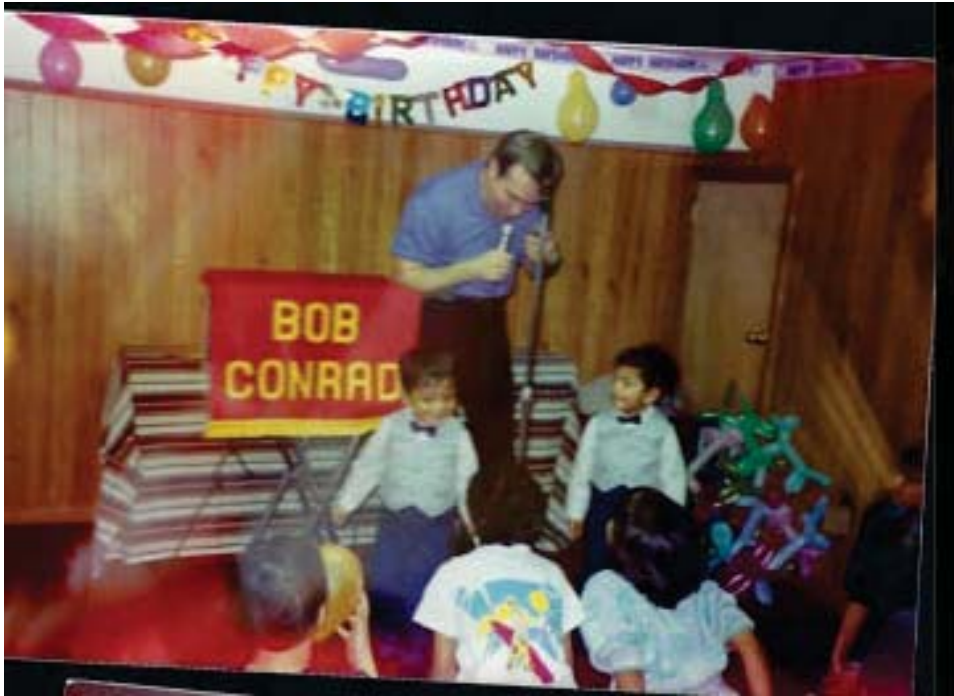
Other visitors, Mahesh Baboo, Lala, and Prem Gupta



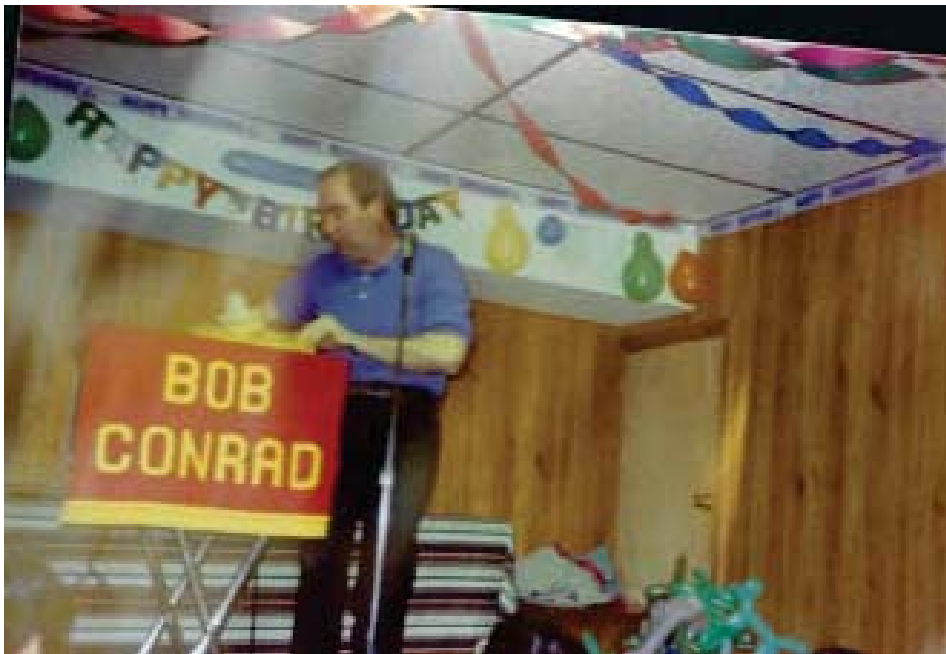
The Food



The whole gang on the twin's 3d birthday



Bob Conrad the ventriloquist entertaining twins and gang



Bob Conrad the ventriloquist



Twins with gifts and Saurabh

Saurabh's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday we celebrated at home.

Saurabh's favorite friend was Anjali Tekriwal and school friend was David.

Saurabh's favorite food ere Pizza and Black-eyed peas. Coke and Milk.

His Favorite Book was "But no Elephants" And 'Boglin' was preferred toy. He like doing Puzzles and coloring. Though shy in nature, he used to make Wild faces as well say weird things to seek attention.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July we had celebrated my 39<sup>th</sup> birthday at home with Mahesh Baboo, Braj Agrawala, and Omvir Singh



Mom Feeding me the cake as Asha ji tekiwal. Rocky Singh and kids watch.



I am not in the picture, cutting the cake as others watch.

In 1988 we welcomed Dr Anil Poddar, son-in-law of our beloved Chachaji Shri Krishna Kumar Shroff, and

husband of Archana Poddar to our home, He had come for some training here and lived about a month and then went home.

Mahesh Baboo spent two months before going to Chillicothe Ohio, to work in Veterans Memorial Hospital. We had fun time at home. We also took advantage of his stay at home by going to Poconos one weekend.



. Asha ji with Anand, and we with all the kids at Poconos



Asha ji cooking at our room.



Mahesh Baboo cooking in our apartment



We at the Bushkill Falls



Poconos; Mahesh baboo, Asha ji, Neeru and the kids

My work at Anadigics was changing. The building was complete, and all the employees were in their office.

I was promoted to Director of Manufacturing of Anadigics

This year we celebrated Rakhi with two different places. First in our home with Mahesh Baboo and Asha ji



First Neeru tying Rakhi to Asha ji



And then Neeru tying to Manesh Baboo

Then we did Rakhi celebration with Todi family including Naval Todi



Neeru tying Rakhi to Naval while kids watch.



Neeru tying Rakhi to Todi ji while, Shashi Bhabhi, Naval, and Neelam watch.

In September Saurabh was ready to be put in the first grade at Gillette School having Mrs Gambatese as his teacher. He knew Alphabets, as well as he counted, and he could recite his phone number. He was very excited to go to school. He was at first a little scared of going on the school bus, but by December he was normal.

On 18 August 1988 Aditya was born as a lead person to Gopal and Manjari. It was the start of their family.



In this year (1988) We celebrated Christmas with Prem Bhabhi, and Todi ji at Todi 's house.

Sanjay's 4<sup>th</sup> grade play we recorded on video.



Kids enjoy their gifts (Sanjay, Saurabh, Twin, Navin, Nisha) while Neeru watches.



All the kids Satisfied with their gifts (Sanjay, Saurabh, Sameer, Sudhir, Naveen, and Nisha)



All the kids by the tree: Amit, Anju, Sameer, Sudhir, and Saurabh



Sameer likes his gift.



I like my gift of Pictionary.



Anju and Saurabh like their gifts

1989

Sanjay's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday we have no records.

On February 21, we celebrated Twin's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday at home, inviting Asha ji Tekriwal (family), Lala (family), Kiran and Vinod Jindiyas, Todi Family and Daruka Jee (family) and Jaya (family), to our home.



Twins' 4<sup>th</sup> birthday cake, Ash aji visible



Twins' cake, With Kiran, Asha ji and Neeru visible



Twins' cake, Neeru, I, Sheela, and Asha Jee visible



Visitors, Daruka Jee, Todi ji and Vinod Jindia



The food



Twins cutting cake, I, Kiran, and Ash aji visible.

Saurabh was in Kindergarten in Gillette Elementary School



On 4/30/89 we celebrated Saurabh's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday (it was on 4/26/89) at home with a clown "Zeppo the clown". We invited family friends (Mahesh/ Asha Tekriwal, Prem and Jaya Gupta, Braj and Pushpa Agrawal, Shanti, and P Kalyanraman, Dileep and Sushama Karmarkar) and Saurabh's school friend e.g., Adam, Chris, Nicholas, Brian, and David



Sanjay, Saurabh, Monica, and a Twin----Saurabh's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake



'Mom And Dad Feeding Cake to Birthday boy Saurabh.



Saurabh on his birthday with Crowd



Bleppo the Clown entertaining the whole crowd.

Saurabh received the following gifts.

Sanjay	Talking Baseball
Anand	GI Joe
Amrita	ECTO-1
Vivek	Shorts
Anish	Sleeping Bag
Jay	Half Dress
Aloke	Dress
Priyank	Talking Sleeping Bag
Adam	SEGA Pocket Power
Chris	Hot Rod
Nicholas	Book
Brian	Micro Machine/Pocket power
David	Baseball Cards
Gajendra	Lego

Sometime in June and July Twins Gingerbread housing we celebrated.





This year we celebrated Raksha Bandhan with Sri Surendra Bagadia (Lala) and his family.



Amrita tying the knots to Sanjay.



The twins, Amrita and Saurabh doing his especially weird thing.



Neeru tying Rakhi to Lala.

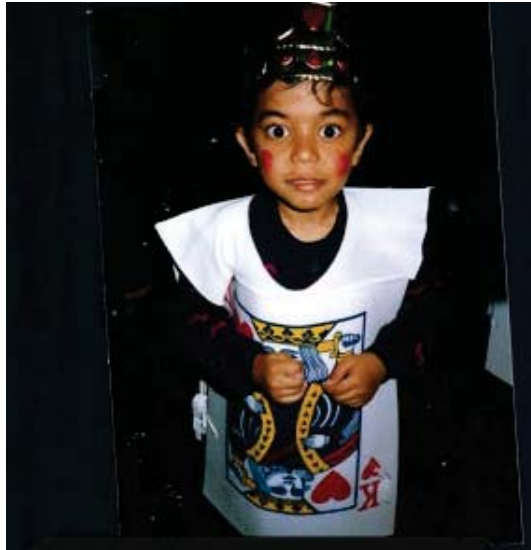


Neeru tying Rakhi to Amrita.



Amrita tying Rakhi to me while Sheela and one of the twins' watches.

This Halloween the twins dressed up like the Playing Cards



This year Kanodia ji visited us, and we went to Poconos with them.

This year Mommy's uncle Mr. Raj Kumar Tekriwal Visited us, and we went to Atlantic City

This year Lala and family moved in their Cherry hill home and Mahesh Kumar Tekriwal moved to New Jersey.

This year many parties were being organized with Log Island crowd and our summer calendar was full of parties.

The Diwali celebrations with Prem, Jaya, Pinkoo (Priyank), Monu (Monica) and Prem's mother we had in our home.



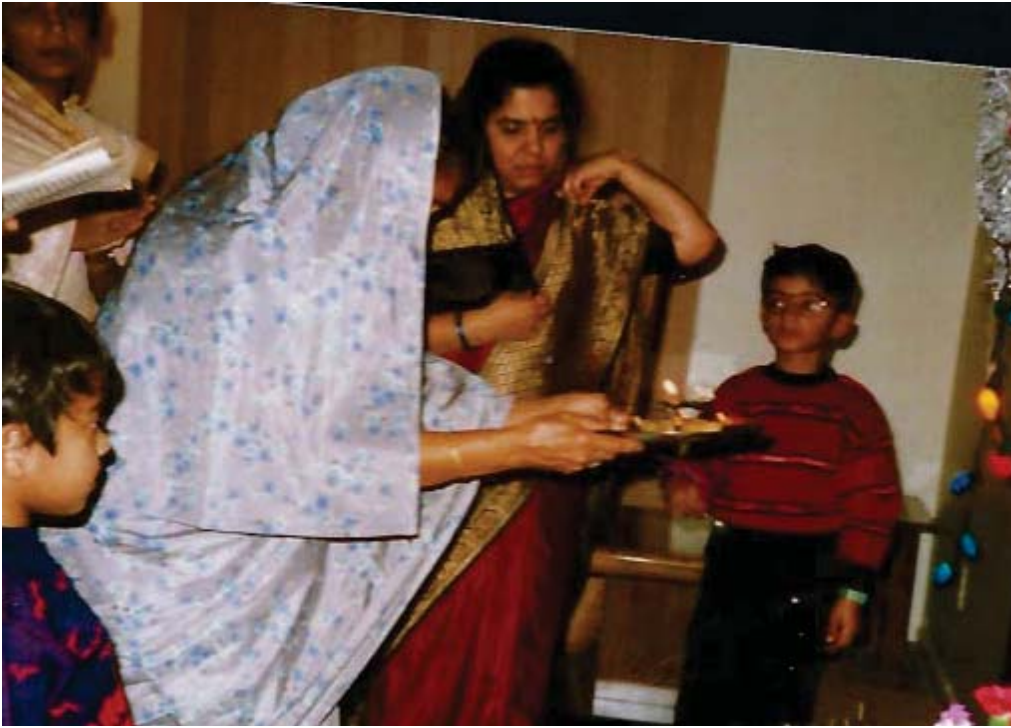
Monu, Priyank, and the twins at the Diwali celebration



Diwali setup at Millington home 1989



I am doing the pooja, while kids watch.



Prem's mother doing the Pooja while Jaya and Saurabh watch.

While we do not have any records, per Saurabh's memory we celebrated Christmas at home in 1989.

Thus completed 1989.

1990

Saurabh was in Gillette elementary school in 1st grade.



Sanjay's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday we celebrated in the local pizzeria with Prem, Jaya, Priyank and Monica and school friends on 2/9/90.



Sanjay blowing Candles on 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Sanjay cutting Birthday Cake 1990



All the friends and brothers watch Sanjay around the cake.



Dad Cutting slices and giving to kids, as Neeru and Jaya watch



All the kids enjoying Pizza Sanjay's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On 2/21/90 We celebrated Twin's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party at home by inviting Todi ji, Bhabhi ji, Neelam, Nisha, and Naveen; Jay, Chitra and their parents (Kalyan and Shanti); Prem, Jaya and Priyank and Monica to our home.



Twin's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party at home, with Mom, Dad, Sanjay, Saurabh and all the kids



Mom feeding the twins the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.



The visitors on twins' 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, Prem, Todi ji and Shashi Bhabhi ji



Sameer loves his gift.



Sudhir excited to open his gift.

On 4/15 to 4/22 we went to visit my Bhaiyya and Bhabhi in Detroit

Saurabh turned 7 on 4/26/90. We celebrated his birthday with his school kids in a pizza place.



Saurabh with his birthday cake, with Mom in the back and His Brothers and Friends



Saurabh doing his 'weird' face making.



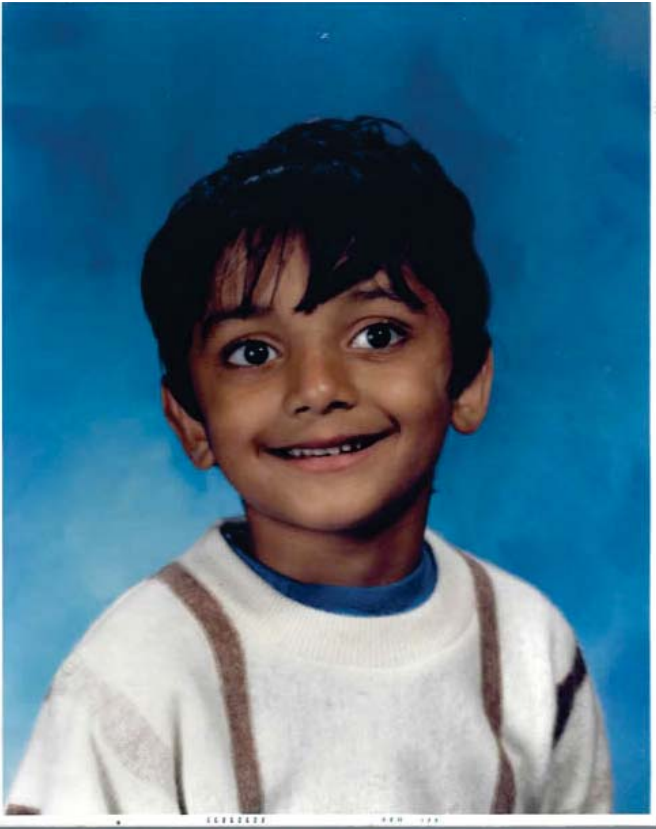
Mom and Dad by the Saurabh's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday cake



Saurabh's friends, and Sanjay and Sameer blowing horns.



Finally, everybody enjoying the delicious Pizza.



Saurabh growing to be a handsome 7-year-old.

Sanjay and Saurabh went to a swimming pool.



Twins were taken to local YMCA where they swam.



At that time, there was a Rajasthani Sammelan headquartered in Ohio. Which consisted of families from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, which planned a Picnic Party for about ~100 families from these and more places. The picnic was in a state park in Ohio, and each family used to go to that park in May-June timeframe. We used to go there for 3-4 years. Each family would get assigned some food items to bring there. Each family also get volunteer for food. They would rent some 50-75 cottages and everyone there was to love nature and enjoy. There were daily cultural items, which many families

Presented for everyone. These 3-4 days item would get us all together and presented each family to meet others and make friends.

Madhu, my eldest brother's daughter (my niece) also came that year and went to picnic with us.



Neeru with Madhu in front of our house



Madhu with all the boys in front of our home



Sameer and Saurabh in front of their cabin in Ohio picnic



I, rowing a boat in the Picnic at the lake at the picnic spot in Ohio



Sanjay and Sudhir rowing a boat in the Picnic at the lake at the picnic spot in Ohio.

In October Aasha ji was expecting a new baby. In July/August, we gave her a 'Baby Shower' party at our home.



Asha ji cutting the cake, while Mahesh Baboo, Sameer, and Sudhir watch



Asha ji distributing the cake.



Anjali reads a book, while Neeru, Sheela ji and Sanjay watch

In 1990 we celebrated RAKHI with Surendra, Sheela, and amrita; Mahesh Baboo, Asha ji and Anjali



Amrita ties Rakhi and some Tilak to Sameer, as Mom and Asha ji and Anjali in lap watch



Amrita ties Rakhi and some Tilak to Sudhir, as Mom, Sameer, and Sheela watch



Neeru does tie and tilak to Asha ji (rare occasion when Asha ji is wearing Sari) as Mahesh baboo watches.



Neeru does tying and tilak to Surendra.



Saurabh raises his hand in a funny way.



Anjie ties to Sanjay as rest watch

Sanjay had gone to summer camp to Pingree camp for Tennis from July 27 to August 3

In October 1990, Agrawal Samaj had a Diwali celebration, they had several Indian skits and fancy-dress

competition. For such a celebration, we had invited Bhaiyya ji and Bhabhi ji from India. We had asked them to bring nice auspicious Ram, Seeta, Luv, and Kush clothes for our kids.



We went to receive them at Airport.



Sanjay in his fancy dress at the Diwali function



Sanjay and Monica dance to the tune of 'Kali Teri Topi hai Paranda mera lal ni'



Twins as Luv and Kush with Pradip Jalan's son Vishal and daughter Ritu as Ram and Sita



Twins as Luv and Kush

As a matter of fact, we lent, from the set Ram's costumes to Pradip and Rashmi Jalan, who were thrilled, to receive a nice set for their son Vishal!



Saurabh as Laxman. Vishal as Sri Ram and his sister Ritu as Sita



The whole gang for Diwali celebration



Bhaiyya ji got a special role to address the association.



Finally, the twins received a special recognition for Luv and Kush roles.

Agrasen samaj Diwali



bhaiyyajje's speech  
during 1990 rajasth:



Diwali 90 2.mp4

Sheo introduces *Bhaiya and Bhabhi ji*



Diwali 90 6.mp4

Sammer gets a certificate for Luv

Diwali 90 4



Diwalib 90 4.mp4

Sanjay and Saurabh and Sudhir get a certificate Each



I with Sudhir and Bhaiyya ji with Sameer and Saurabh

In 1990, Diwali get together was on 10/20 and we celebrated with Prem, Jaya, Priyank and Monica

Next day we went to New York South Street, where a grad Diwali Mela was planned to enjoy the food and programmes.

During summer, we had numerous parties involving our friends from Long Island and NJ like Bhagats, Omvirs, Tulis, Agarwal, Vermas etc.

We also attended Gajendra's marriage party given by Omvir.

Summer, Sanjay was involved in a soccer play. Sanjay also participate in Blair academy program for the gifted

Thru all of it Anand was born to Asha tekriwal on 10/11/1990

At this time, I was awrded the following certificate.



Executive Enterprises, Inc.

*is pleased to present  
this certificate of completion to:*

**SHEO KHETAN**

*who has successfully completed*

**NEW JERSEY HAZARDOUS WASTE  
REGULATION CONFERENCE  
October 29th - 30th, 1990  
NEWARK, New Jersey**

November 1st, 1990



Brian McGrath  
President



On October 1990 Sudhir was the one posed like a bird for Halloween

On 23 November we left for India. We went to Bombay. There is a picture of Prashant with Aditya, who was 2 years old.



Prashant with Aditya

We met Banwari Bhaiyya, Bhabhi ji. Gopal, Manjari and my mom there. Our programme included a trip to Rajasthan to get Sameer and Sudhir's 'Jadoola' (hair cutting ceremony). So, we contacted Sri Raj Kumar Tekriwal, Neeru's Chachaji in New Delhi to make arrangement for bus for this. From home, Prashant and my Ma decided to

accompany us.

So, we flew to Delhi. There resided Rajkumar Chachaji, Padma Chachi ji, Monica, and Prashant. We had a nice stay and rest and next morning we got the bus. Their elder daughter Seema was already married. The bus, though roomy and comfortable had one of side glass broken. So cold air was coming from in the bus, which was ok for us coming from a cold climate but was not comfortable with Ma and Prashant. Any way this was the bus.



The bus rented by Sri R K Tekriwal, for our Rajasthan Trip



Ma and Saurabh, Neeru talking to Prashant in the bus



Ma, Saurabh, Neeru and Prashant in bus



The Bus took us Near Jhunjhunu where we did lunch and rested.

Nirmala, Saurabh I and Ma



The Bus took us to Sri Rant Sati Dadi's mandir, where we stayed overnight.

Next day we went to Chabo Sati Mandir, The Khetan's own Sati.



Chabo Sati mandir



Chabo sati mandir

The Chabo Sati Mandir is the place where Khetan' s whole history is recorded.

Here I traced my whole ancestral history from our Khetan #1 i.e., our 1<sup>st</sup> member Sri Kheta Das ji to now.

# Rajasthan - chao sati

श्री चानोसती जीके मन्दिरमें यह बरामदा जो करीब ६० फुट  
साथमें फलसका एक सन्दासतपाकमरीके दरवाजेब उनके लक  
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गये। जिनका विवरणहुस प्रकार है।

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- १३ श्री भगवतीप्रसादजी - जन्म,मिती आसोजशुदी २ संवत् १९६२
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- १५ श्री निर्मलकुमार - जन्म,मिती कार्तिक सुदी २ संवत् २०१५

07/06/2005



It was a nice (somewhat cold) weather, so we decided to row a boat in the lake.

The next day when we started then a suddenly terrible thing happened. Our bus had a transmission part broken, so we had to wait until  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day to get it fixed.



The broken bus

So, we had to find ways to spend 4-6 hours doing some things.



So first we all got out of the car and rested.



Sanjay and Neeru disgusted at the bus.



Kids in front of a passing Camel cart



Kids taking ride in a horse driven carriage.

Finally, the bus was fixed, and we went to Salaser and Malasi for donating the Hair Clippings of the twins there.



Malasi



Malasi Kuan

It's about 800 years old. A bridegroom had come to this place to pick up his bride. His sister in laws had him hung him in this 'Kuan' (well) upside down and he fell and expired. Since then, this place was known as 'Bhairon ji ka kuan'. People come here to donate the hairs of newborn kids.



Salasser Dham Balaji Dham

We came back to Delhi after our Rajasthan trip was over.

In Delhi we were to see the followings: Qutub Minar and Wahabi Temple



I at Qutub Minar



Kids at the Qutub Minar



Sanjay by the Qutub Minar



I at the Qutub Minar



All four kids at the Wahabi Temple



The Wahabi Temple

After finishing with New Delhi, we all came down to Calcutta, to Baboo ji, Ganeriwals and Neeru's brothers Sajan and Gora Tekriwal and Sushil and Asha Tekriwals. We went to Victoria Memorial to enjoy the horse riding there.



I and twins riding the horses at Victoria Memorial



Sudhir riding a Horse by Victoria Memorial



Sameer riding a horse in Victoria Memorial

Video of Our Calcutta trip and Bombay trip #14



Bombay visit 1990



Horseback riding by Khetans 1991



Manish birthday 1990



Juhu beach 1990 14



Calcutta zoo 1990 14

1991

Gopal and Manjari had a second son born to them. Siddharth was born to them on October 16, 1991, completing their family.



Siddhu (Siddharth) young



Saurabh was in second grade in 1990-91

First it was time for our 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1991. It was celebrated in the Morris Plains home of our friends Prem and Jaya Gupta. They invited Neeru's bhua , Mrs Gayatri Devi Bagaria and her son Surendra and his wife Sheela also. It was a nice gesture of Prem's part, and we all had a great time.



Sheo/Neeru 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Prem and Jaya Gupta

Saurabh, who was in cub scout this year, had a Blue and Gold Dinner this year.



Saurabh at his Gold and Blue dinner 1991



Saurabh with Sanjay sitting at his gold and blue dinner.



Saurabh and Sudhir, both at the gold and blue dinner; Sanjay in Back

Twins had a kindergarten graduation this year.



Sameer graduating Kindergarten      Sudhir graduating Kindergarten.

Twin's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday we celebrated at home only.



Sanjay was heavily into boy scout and participated in rock climbing in this year.





Sanjay was going to Ski at Shawnee mountain.

All kids had supported gulf soldiers.



All kids supporting gulf war.

Sanjay was 12 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Saurabh was grade 3 and twins were in Grade 1.

Saurabh's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, we celebrated by giving a pizza party in local pizzeria.



Saurabh's 8th birthday we celebrated in a pizza parlour.



Mr India song 1991 song 13

In 1991, we made a trip to Washington, to visit various sightseeing points with Madhu and Manish, who were visiting us at that time. I have a photo of kids standing near a life size actual body of rhinoceros.



Washington Madhu, Manish, Naval 14

In August 1991 Prem Bhabhi and Raghunath Bhaiyya moved in their new house in Cameron Drive, Troy from their house in Franklyn Park

Agrasen Samaj had a holy party celebration.

Sanjay went to Sabbathis camp for a week with Boy Scouts Camp

Sanjay also spent 3 weeks at the Blair Academy and obtained the following certificate.



Rakhi, we had with Neelam and Raghunath Bhaiyya and family in August.

Halloween, sanjay was a tennis racquet, Saurabh a ball of tennis, Sameer, and Sudhir net, but they won the township award as the two fishermen. In Sanjay's transition to tennis racquet. I had to spend all my energy, with mending of Balsa wood and not quite the same effort I had to make Saurabh a tennis ball Sameer and Sudhir I did not apply the same imagination as they were with brothers a tennis net, but the Township judges were especially impressed with their outfit, mistaking them with two fishermen. So, they awarded twins the award for best costumes.



Sanjay the tennis racquet at township Halloween Parade 1991

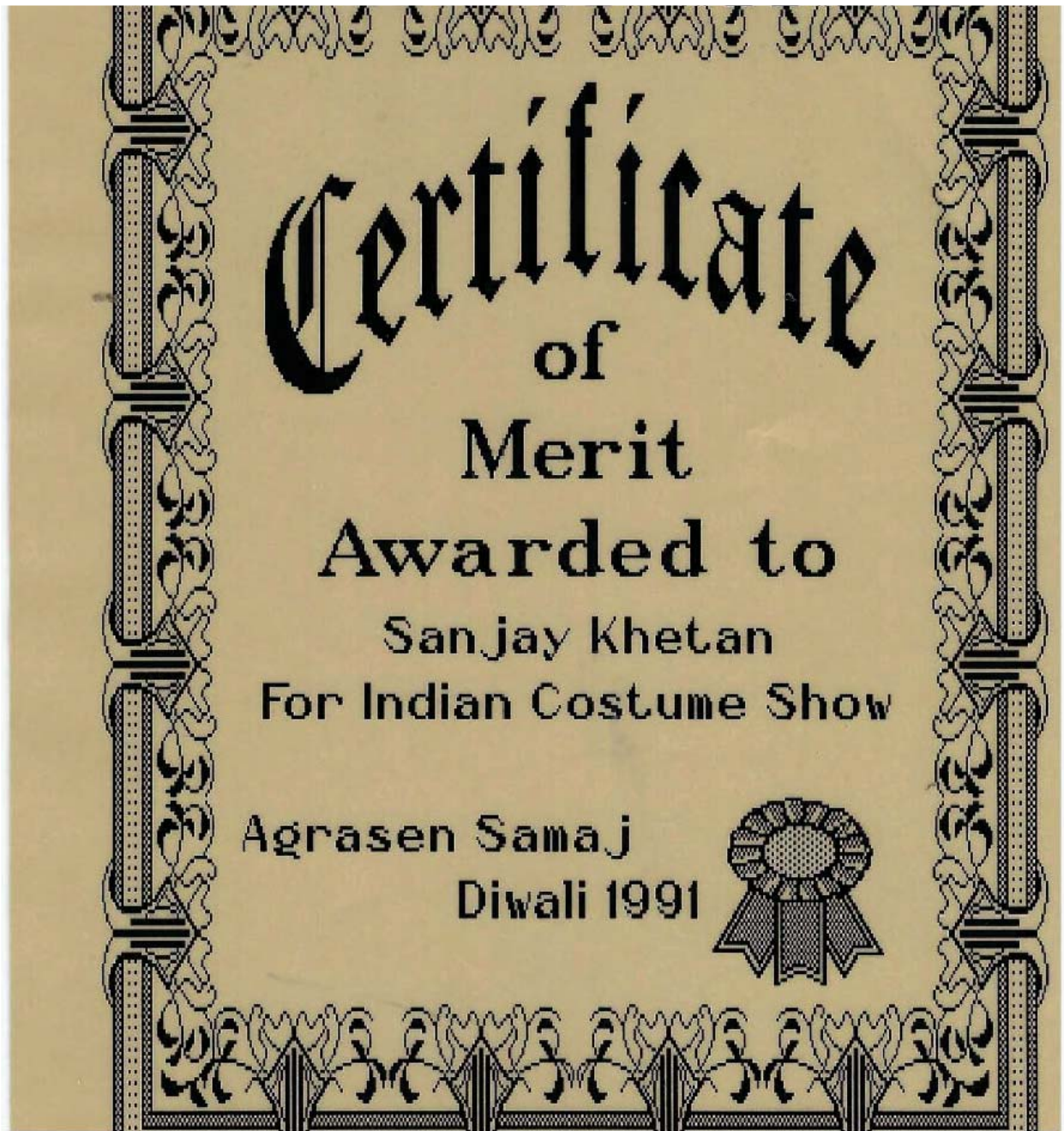


Saurabh as tennis ball set in 1991 Halloween



Twins in the 1991 township Halloween as tennis net (not seen), they won prize for best dress as the fishermen.

In November we celebrated the Diwali function with Agrasen Samaj. In this Sanjay obtained a Certificate of Merit for Indian Costume show



Christmas, we celebrated with Raghunath Bhaiyya and family, as well as with Naval Todi and Family



Christmas at Bhaiyya's home in Troy, Sanjay, Sameer and Naval seen here.



Christmas 1991 at Bhaiyya's Troy home, Neeru seen there.



Christmas 1991 at Bhaiyya's Troy home, I seen here.



Christmas 1991 at Bhaiyya's Troy home, Raghunath Bhaiyya seen here.



Anju opening her gift as Naval, Alka and Bhabhi watch.



Sanjay picks up her gift as twins watch.



Sanjay by the Christmas tree

1992

My life's philosophy that I taught to kids.

There are several things in the life that are important for a satisfactory life.

1 Money: Always make enough money. As Sant Kabir says "Sai itna deejye, ja men Kutumb samay, Main bhi bhookha na rahoon, Sadhu na bhooka Jaye"

2. Health: Pay attention to it. Participate in sports, healthy living, so that your living will be better.

3. Family: It is important to maintain good relationship with everybody especially those near to you

4. Friends: it's important to make and keep good relationship with all the friends

5. Don't depend on **ONE** thing only for your wellbeing. Spread your wings and learn as many things as you can. My own interest was tennis, golf, Ping pong, Teen Patti, Duplicate bridge, IASC (in which I started this year and became a President). In addition, I had signed up for weekly Golf in this year. The activities they could go for (that I missed) are Boy Scouts, Swimming, Ice Skiing etc.

This year (January) Sanjay was 12 going on 13, Saurabh was 8 going on 9, and twins were 6 going on 7.

Sanjay was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade going on 7<sup>th</sup>, Saurabh was in 2d grade going on 3<sup>rd</sup> and twins were in kindergarten going to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

We were in Millington house and Bhabhi/Bhaiyya in Troy home.

Sanjay's 13th birthday we celebrated around February 7, 1992

Twins' 7<sup>th</sup> birthday we celebrated in Bowling Alley around February 21, 1992



TWINS' 7<sup>th</sup> birthday party...Cake cutting at a local Bowling Alley



TWINS blowing the candle.



TWINS sitting down in the bowling alley.



TWINS sitting in the bowling alley with Saurabh.

Saurabh's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday we celebrate in Bowling Alley around April 24, 1992



Saurabh blowing the candles while Mom, Sanjay, and the Twins watch.



Saurabh's birthday cake(9<sup>th</sup>)



Sanjay in the bowling lane in Saurabh's birthday party



Saurabh's gifts



Friends eating Pizza while Saurabh watches.

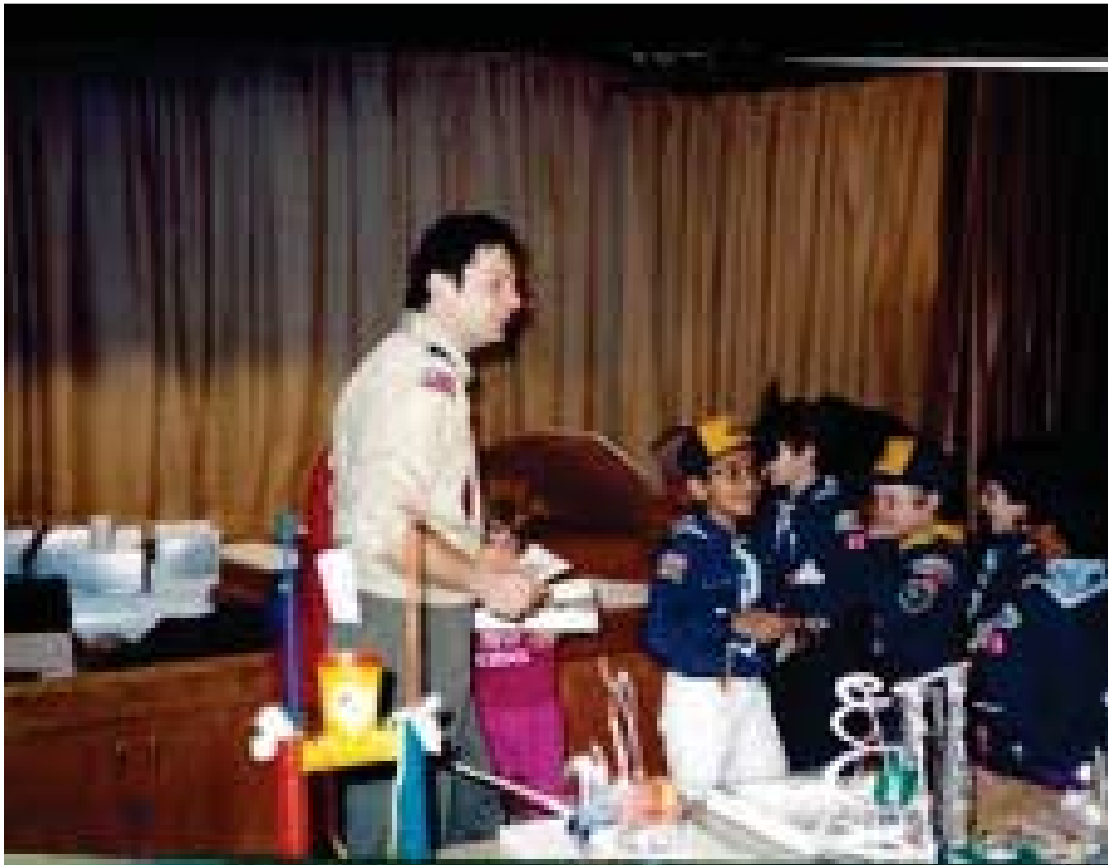
IASC Spring festival, we celebrated on May 25.1992. Ashok Kulshreshtha was with us.

Sanjay was involved in Scouting, wire ropes hanging and Skiing trip, and Levy farm scouting trip.



Sanjay high ropes in Boy Scouts 1992

Twins were very much into Scouts. Their picture with their Scoutmaster Mr Ron Grayowski



Ron Grayowski the scoutmaster with Sameer

We had our first involvement with IASC, Twins were involved in a dance, (coordinated by Ashmi patel)

We went to RGONA July 3-7. This trip of Rajasthani happened every year in a big park (with lots of rooms) in Ohio. Families from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York were involved in it. All the

Rajasthani food was served in. Each family will bring some food assigned to it. Organisers will determine the duty of each family to serve every day. Each family will be given 2 or so rooms, one for the parents and the other, where their boys or girls would live together. The get together will involve, in addition to food, cultural programs, Sports, and general fun. It was a big gathering involving >100 people.

Sanjay went to scouts camp at Sabbatis, which was annual camp of the whole Troop. It was in a campground in upper New York area, which included a lot of outdoor activities like water sports in the lake, kayaking and trekking.

Sanjay also went to summer camp at Blair Academy and 22no of August attained the following certificate.



Lastly, he went to Troy to visit and participate in Mathematics Courses taught by my brother Dr Raghunath Khetan

I was involved in playing bridge involving Prem and Raj Seth. I was heavily into playing golf weekly with fellow Anadigics guys.

I also played Tennis with Prem a lot.

The Forecasted business did not materialize in 1992. In the DBS market, our customer did not start his production as forecasted and our dream for positive income in this year failed. However, it gave us the in 1992 the fab (wafer fabrication area) and labs were all complete. The fab had to have all the equipment (Aligners, Implant equipment, others). The test area needed test equipment. All this was done in the first quarter of 1991. Regarding markets, the higher ups were exploring the market, and they were glad to find (again) an opportunity in DBS area. It was potentially the ideal opportunity to build. The application was used in a DBS circuit to be used in a high-volume emerging market worth of DBS phone opportunity. So, everybody started working on DBS application. I with ramping wafer fab volume and designers on designing. The DBS proved to be our initiation in the high-volume market.

During this year, we produced our first lot of DBS device (Direct Broadcast Satellite, the one used for cell phone) and die sorted it. The diagram below shows the distribution of Chips (die) on the wafer. Yellows are fully 'passing' devices and different colour means a dice failing for one of the many reasons.

It was a reason for celebration.

We had a first Music Party at our home. We invited Jain from Long Island, Mathurs, Guptas and other great singers from NJ.



Music party at home in Millington, April 4,1992

We went to a musical show organised by Bharat Bhai (he was Kalyanji Bhai shah's (Famous Indian Music Director) nephew). We got a free pass to see the show.

We went to a Lala organised music show on 11/22 and 11/23. It was a Sachin Ramabhadran show.

Twin's first grade talent show was organised, so was their 1<sup>st</sup> athletics competition.



Twins school Talent show

Twins had a school athletic competition.



Sameer in a spoon race



Sudhir involved in a sport race.

We went to Florida with Mahesh baboo and celebrated XMAS there.



Mahesh Baboo, Asha ji, Neeru meeting Mickey mouse with all the kids watching.



Sameer, Sudhir, and Saurabh photographed with s Disney Character



Sanjay with the Mickey Mouse



Our Florida trip 1992

This year we celebrated Christmas at home.



Celebrating Christmas at Martinsville home

1993

We celebrated Sanjay's 14th birthday in a local pizza place.



Sanjay with Cake, and Saurabh, twins and Mom watch it.



Saurabh does his famous trick while Sanjay and a twin watch it.



Sameer and Sudhir enjoy the food (pizza) at the birthday place.



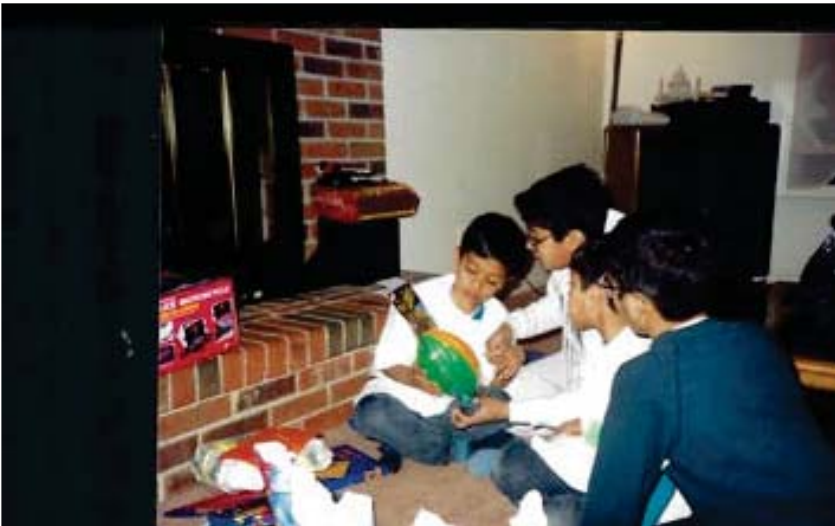
Sanjay at the cake, while Mom and kids enjoy the scene.



Sanjay sitting down to eat while all others do the same thing.

Then it was twin's birthday (8<sup>th</sup> Birthday) on 2/21/93

We celebrated it at home.



Twins enjoy their gifts.



Twins' gift

In 1993 Neeru started driving a car. She was helped by her friend Khurshid Junus (was Khan at that time). After 2 or 3 efforts, she finally obtained her **DRIVER'S LICENSE**.

We celebrated Saurabh's 10th birthday in Bridgewater Skating Arena, on 4/26/93.



Saurabh standing next to his 10th Birthday Cake



Saurabh and friends



Saurabh Cutting his Cake.

We this year also participated in Agarwal Samaj's Diwali party by

Sanjay, Priyank Gupta, his sister Monu, and Saurabh did a skit named "PAKORA".

Saurabh did participate in their "Fancy Dress Competition" as a Beggar

Sudhir was a Nawab, smoking a Hookah, and Sameer carried the Hookah.

Lastly, I participated in their 'Skit' acting as Laloo Prasad Yadav

**Note for Surjit Singh Pradeep Jalan video with sameer, will get at the end of October, presently is in India**

We went to Poconos in 1993, January 16 and 17, with 'Mahesh tekriwal and family. In Poconos 2 bedrooms on Rental. We had a jacuzzi in our room where with all 6 kids, especially Saurabh making all the noise and getting on Mahesh Baboo's nerves. The Rental agent came in and looked at all the ruckuses made it and was angry.



Saurabh in Pocono's Jacuzzi, Terrorizing everyone with his behaviour.

Kids were all involved with scouting. They had participated with Yukon trail where their own made skis were to be pulled by hands. Sanjay was also involved in a scouting at Harry levy's farm, I had for once participating with him.

Sanjay went to a summer program organised by Center for talented Youth for 3 weeks 6/27-7/16. There he earned a Certificate for "***Precalculus Mathematics Sequence***".

# The Johns Hopkins University

Center for Talented Youth (CTY)

Certifies that

SANJAY KHETAN

has completed the course

Individually Paced

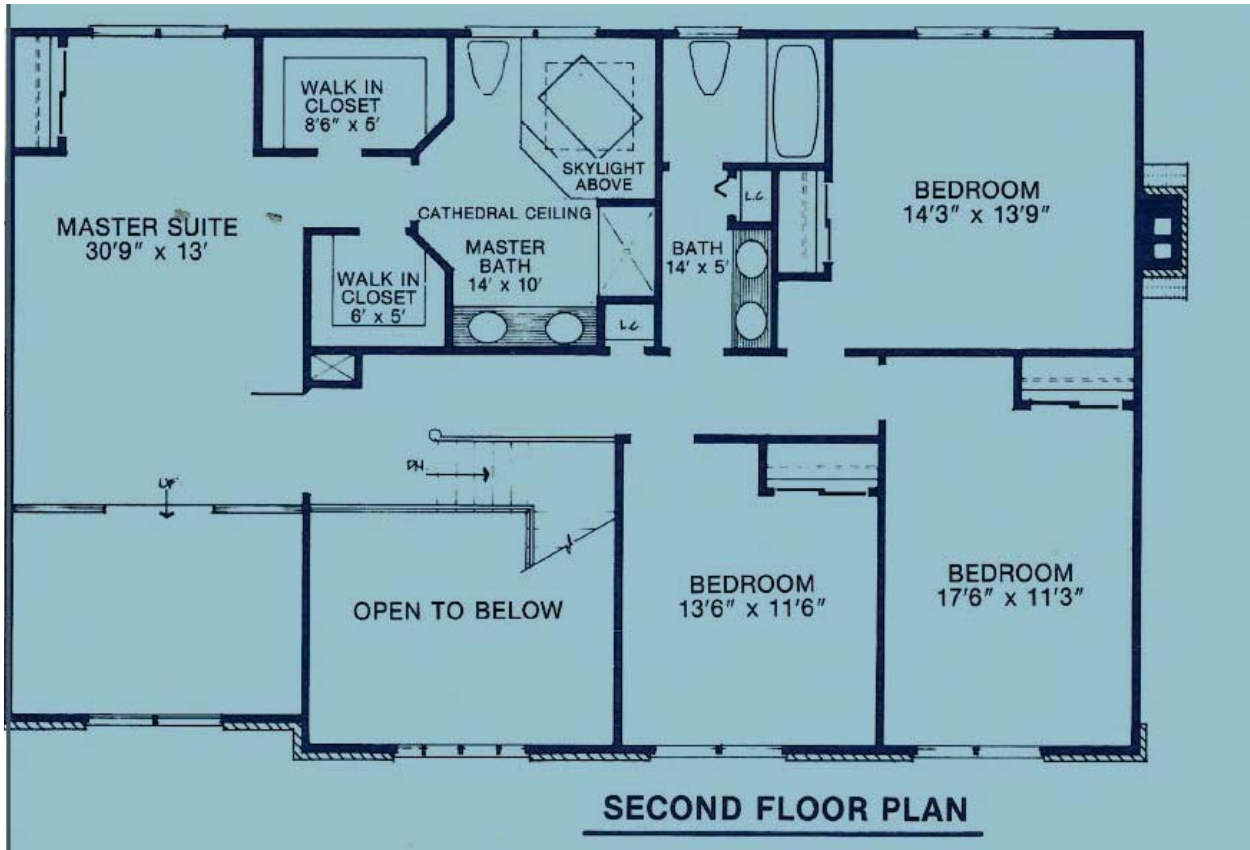
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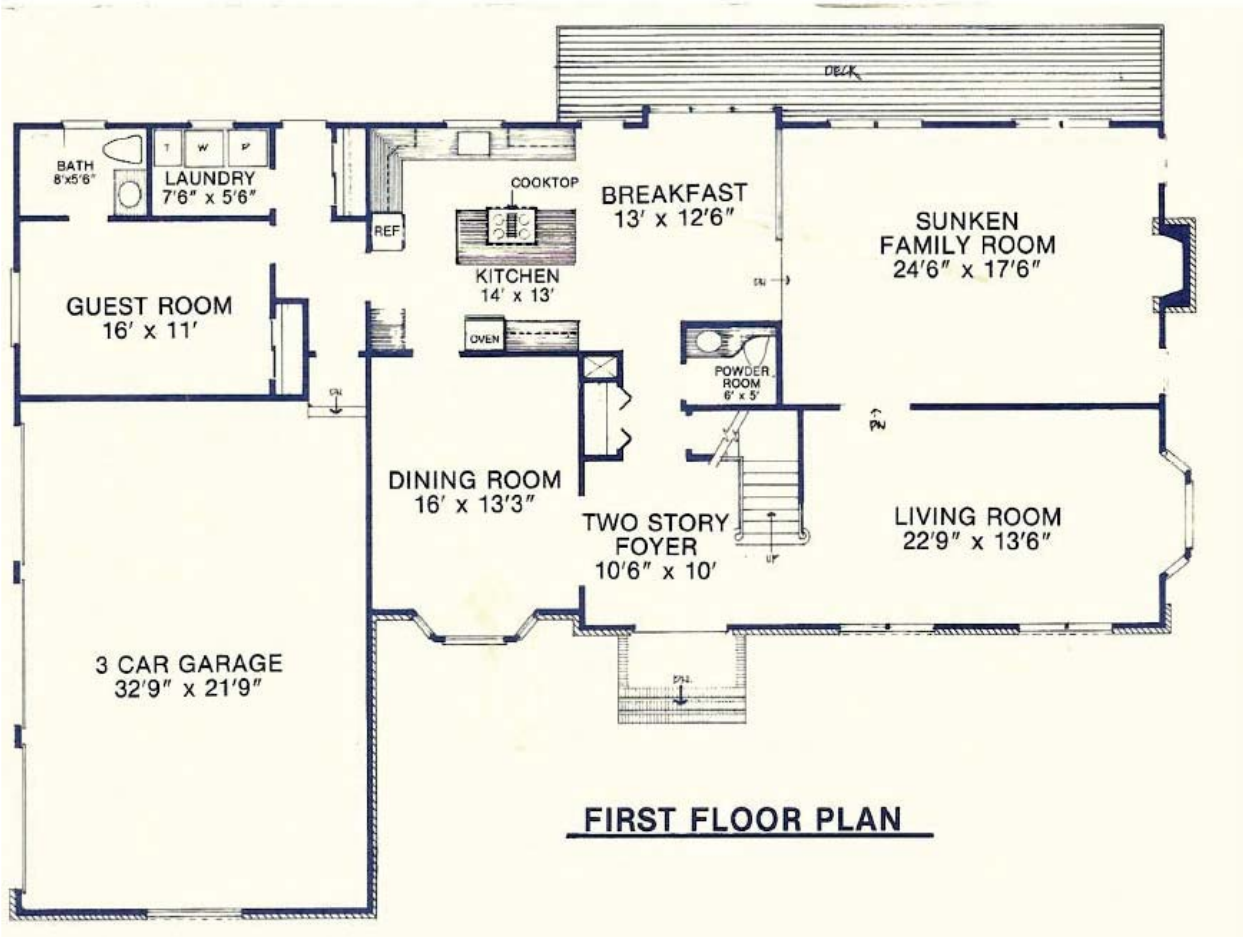
1993 Summer Program  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

  
Instructor

  
Site Director

In summer of 1993, we moved to a new home in Martinsville. The place was bigger. The distance from work was still the same. Community was more educated and school system was better. Sunil Tekriwal helped us move to this place.







The first thing we did in this house is that, on the July 5, 1993 Nirmala and Kids got me a cake and I had to light up and blow the candles.



I am blowing at the candles for my 44th birthday.

At Anadigics I and Phil Wallace went to present a paper “Successful High-Volume GaAs Manufacturing The Anadigics Experience” at the GaAs symposium in California



Sheo Khetan 's paper

We celebrated the Rakhi with Mahesh Baboo and Lala at their place,



Rakhi with MKT 1993

Alka graduated from School and moved to University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)

Diwali, we had with our family in the new house.



The twins at our Diwali celebrations in 1993



Diwali at our home, I and Neeru involved in Pooja.

One thing that was changed was the schools. Sanjay had transferred from Millington School to Bridgewater high school in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Saurabh transferred from Gillette-school to Crim school in Bridgewater and the twins changed from Gillette school to Crim School in 3d grade.



Sameer with his new classmates in CRIM ELEMENTARY in Grade 3



Sameer in his new school at CRIM ELEMENTARY in 3d grade, with his new classmates

Christmas at our new house

Prashant here 8/31, Detroit 9/4

Our Friends' Children's key events were as follows.

Ruchi Mishra graduation.

Nikhil Bhagat birthday.

Sapna sweet 16 birthday party on 8/21/1993

We picked up Priyank & Mona Gupta and brought them to our home.

1994

First, Baboo ji was laying in my bed in the den when Mahesh Baboo saw him panting there. He checked him and immediately told him to be admitted to Hospital. In south Jersey the Deborah heart and lung centre, Brown Mills, New Jersey. This is hospital where he handled patients. It was decided to admit him in there.

No sameer or Sudhir or Sanjay's birthday as we were busy with baboo ji.

Our visit to Deborah continued daily. RPK and Bhabhi came here.it was a nasty weather. It was Snowing all the time. What was a nominally 1.25 drive to Deborah' took us 5-hour one time. Baboo ji's Open Heart Surgery was done on January 18. It took him 2-3 days after the operation to come to senses. Until then we were worried

This year was going to be good. There were rumours of bring company to Initial Public Offering (IPO) status soon.

The next thing was a trip by Bhaiyya ji and Bhabhi ji to USA. They had come to New Jersey, in March, when Baboo ji was out of the hospital and recovering at home. They visited New Jersey, New York, Detroit (Raghunath Khetan and Prem Lata Khetan), Las Vegas and San Francisco (Alka Khetan, and Sanjay)



Banwari Lal Agrawala in USA trip



Baboo ji after operation, recuperating with I and Bhaiyya ji, March 1994

Babbo ji left here with Ma for Bombay in March sometime along with bhaiya ji.

The next thing was Saurabh's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, which we celebrated on April 26, 1994, at a local bowling Alley.



Saurabh cutting the cake on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday at Bowling Alley



Saurabh and friends at bowling alley on Saurabh's 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Picture of all at the bowling Alley



Saurabh on birthday party on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday



Both Neeru and Mrs Khurshid Khan at Saurabh's 11th Birthday

We went to Rajasthani Picnic from 7/2 to 7/9. In that picnic, my 45<sup>th</sup> birthday occurred on 7/5/94. We cut a cake.



Cake cutting on my 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Rajasthani picnic, Prem Bhabhi watching.

In August 1994 Baboo ji (Sitaram Tekriwal) and Ma (Kailashi Devi) visited us in our new home

That is where we used to have a small swimming pool in our backyard.



Baboo ji and Ma visited our home in 8/94, Swimming Pool in our backyard



twins' friends in our swimming pool in our Backyard



Our kids and Raghunath Bhaiya's kids together play in our (was) Pool.



Baboo ji in front of our new home in August 1994



Baboo ji, Ma in our kitchen

We took them all to visit New York City



Looking at New York City with New York world Trade Center (full) in View

The background looking from New Jersey side I Neeru Baboo ji and the kids.



Sanjay with Ma and Baboo ji looking at New York from New Jersey side.



Baboo ji with Statue of Liberty in the background

We then took them to Purushottam Kanodia's place in Ohio.



Babbo ji and Purushottam in Ohio, in front of Purushottam's home with our Station Wagon parked in their garage.



Doing a Picnic in a bench in park



Baboo ji at night inside the park



I and Baboo ji in a boat in a lake in Ohio



Sudha Kanodia (Baboo ji's close relationship in India) with Baboo ji in the park



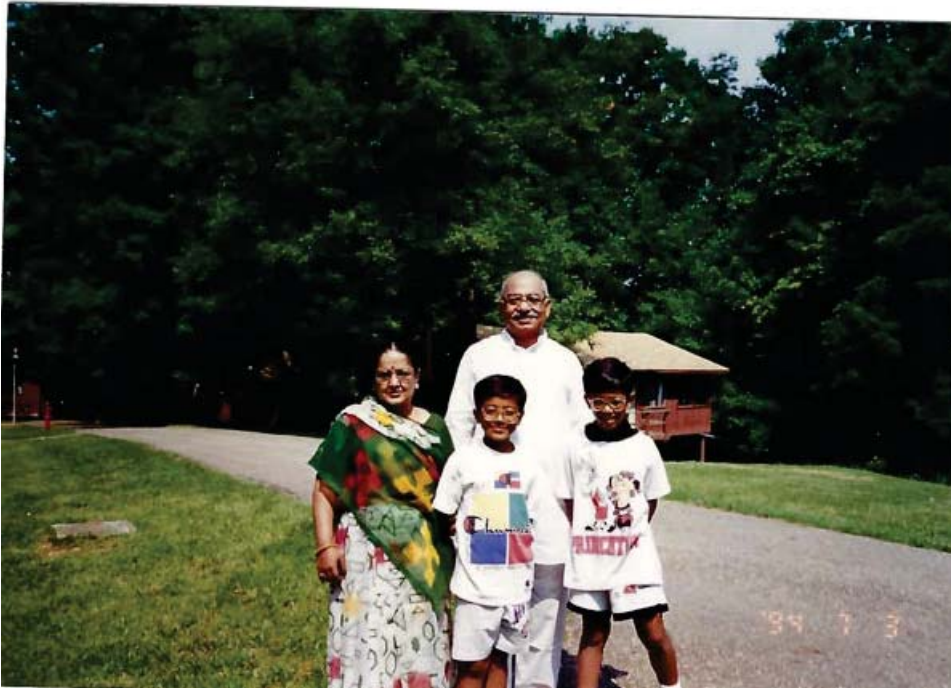
Baboo ji with another Character in Park



Sudha and Baboo ji in Front of Big Wheel in the park



Baboo ji and Purushottam in the Park



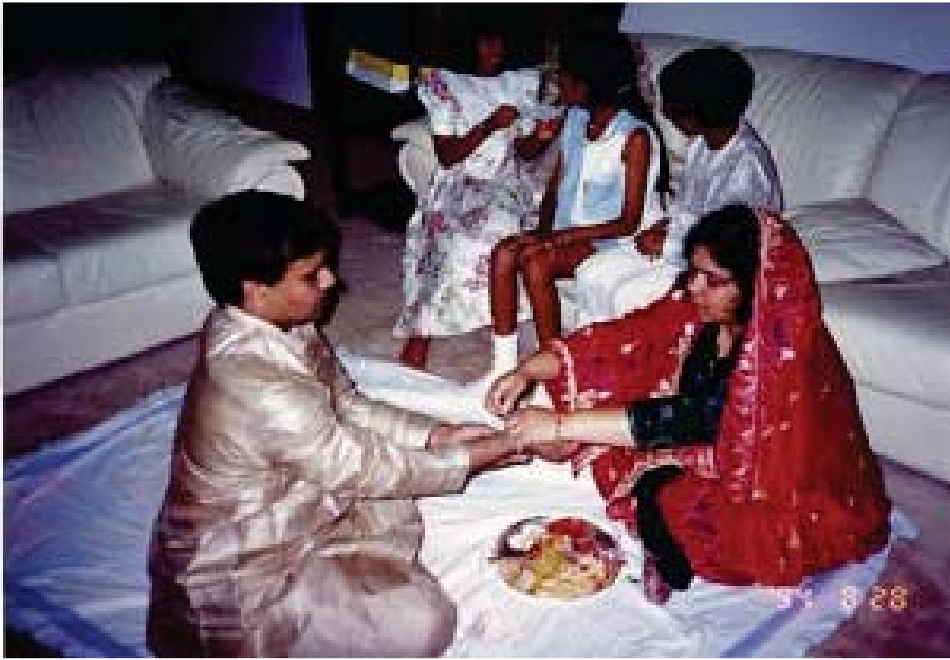
Baboo ji Ma Sanjay and Saurabh on our way

That visit was a lot of fun.

We celebrated Rakhi with Mahesh Baboo and Lala



Sheela tying a Rakhi to me.



Neeru tying a Rakhi to Lala.



Neeru tying a Rakhi to Sheela.



Anjie doing Rakhi tilak to Lala.

In the same copy of GaAsLINE Charles Huang published the following article

With the promotion the company put out the following news

Sheo Khetan's Management Philosophy



Sheo's Management philosophy paper

Diwali pooja we did with Shubhra and Dheeraj



Shubhra doing the Diwali Pooja



Deepak with us sitting for the Diwali pooja.



Dheeraj doing Diwali Pooja with Nikhil



Dheeraj at Diwali celebration with us

In October, I was in Singapore for company visit. In that I visited Chachaji (Badri Prasad Tekriwal) and Chachi ji Bhawani in their son and daughter law's apartment on 10/10/94. I also visited Dinesh and Sushama Mittal and went on a tour of Singapore. My visit to Thailand was for Chientek and I stayed at the Oriental Hôtel and **Rolls Royce** picking me up from the airport.



I, Chachaji and Chachi ji Bhavani devi Tekriwal



I, Praveen, and Kavita Tekriwal

Christmas, we celebrated with Lala at his home.



Xmas tree at Lala's place, Saurabh, Sameer on the ground, Sanjay Sheela and Neeru coming.



Sameer and Sudhir opening their gift as Saurabh and I watch, Mom standing in the back.



Amrita talking with Sanjay and feeding him the laddoo.

Thus 1994 turned out to be successful year.

**1995**

We stayed as is in our Martinsville home, RPK in Troy home.

Alka had cleared the high school and was in the University of Michigan

Amit was still in High school a senior.

Sanjay was 15, still in high school in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Saurabh was 11 in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and twins were 9, in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

This year first celebrated Saurabh's 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 4/26/95



Saurabh's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday cake, twins arranging the candles in it.



Saurabh Cuts his 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake.



Mom, not in the picture feeds Saurabh the birthday cake while Sameer has a wide grin.

This year Lala, Sunil and Suman participated in our India Spring Festival organised by IASC, in which Sanjay was an emcee in the program. Sunil contributed

\$1500 to IASC India flood programme, thus making him a major donor in our effort to raise funds for India.



Sanjay as one emcee for IASC annual spring festival



Sameer Saurabh And Sudhir participating in IASC spring Festival.



Sheela watching the IASC spring festival program.



Suman watching the IASC spring festival program.

We went to Bahama as a family in May 1995



Mom and 4 kids on the pier in Bahamas



All the kids suited for Scuba Diving



Sanjay by himself going in the /ocean water in a boat.



Photograph of Neeru, Sameer, Sudhir, and Saurabh in front if our hotel.



Sammer and Saurabh in front of Bahama's specialty shop

In 1995 I wrote another paper on the "Managing High IC Yields with Short Cycle Times" along with co-writer Pat Fowler, who was my wafer fab manager.



My paper presented at 1995 IEEE Conference

Soon we had ai IITK 65 batch reunion (25 year after passing in 1970) in BAHAMAS. I went to it (without Neeru)



IITK reunion (25<sup>th</sup> after passing in 1970 in Bahamas

Dongre, Ashok Chawla, Ashok Saxena and Manju Saxena and many others.....



Upendra Rohatgi and I at Sivananda Yoga Retreat



IITK 25 batch as a group in Bahamas, see me standing in the absolutely in the right.



IITK 25<sup>TH</sup> Batch reunion in Bahamas, I am the 3rd on the right.

Amit Khetan passed his high school and moved on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts

In May 1995 I had to go to Stockholm, Sweden for a Technical conference. Neeru also came to Sweden.

At that time, Saurabh, Sameer, and Sudhir stayed with our neighbour Deepak and Poonam Jain and Sanjay was left with our friend Mr Ashok and Manju Saxena.



Neeru and her best friend Poonam Jain, who forcibly sent Neeru to Sweden to meet me.



Poonam cutting her cake as Neeru watches in our kitchen.

Then this was a trip where I went to Sweden first and Nirmala was sent there by the Jains and Saxenas.

to join me after my conference was over. In that trip our nephew Prashant had come from Bombay

Regarding Cloths trading business. At the same time Krishna Chacha ji's son Sanjai Shroff, from Nepal had also come to Sweden for his business. We just toured around a little bit. Prashant went on overnight cruise on the Baltic Sea there.



Neeru and I in front of my hotel, Stockholm, Sweden



Neeru, Prashant and Sanjai Shroff in Sweden 1995



Neeru and Prashant



Neeru and I in Sweden



Neeru in Sweden 95

95 summers at Troy, Sanjay, Saurabh, Nisha, and Naveen spent 6+ weeks in Troy for ICAE math. They and Alka, Amit and Anju had a lot of fun there.

This year we celebrated Christmas with Naval and Beena, who used to live in Culver City, California.

Neeru and both the twins were in India. We, I, Sanjay, and Saurabh had gone to California, to Naval and Bina's place. We went to San Diego Zoo, Hollywood and on the Christmas, day had a flat tire in our car.



Sanjay and Saurabh near the Hollywood



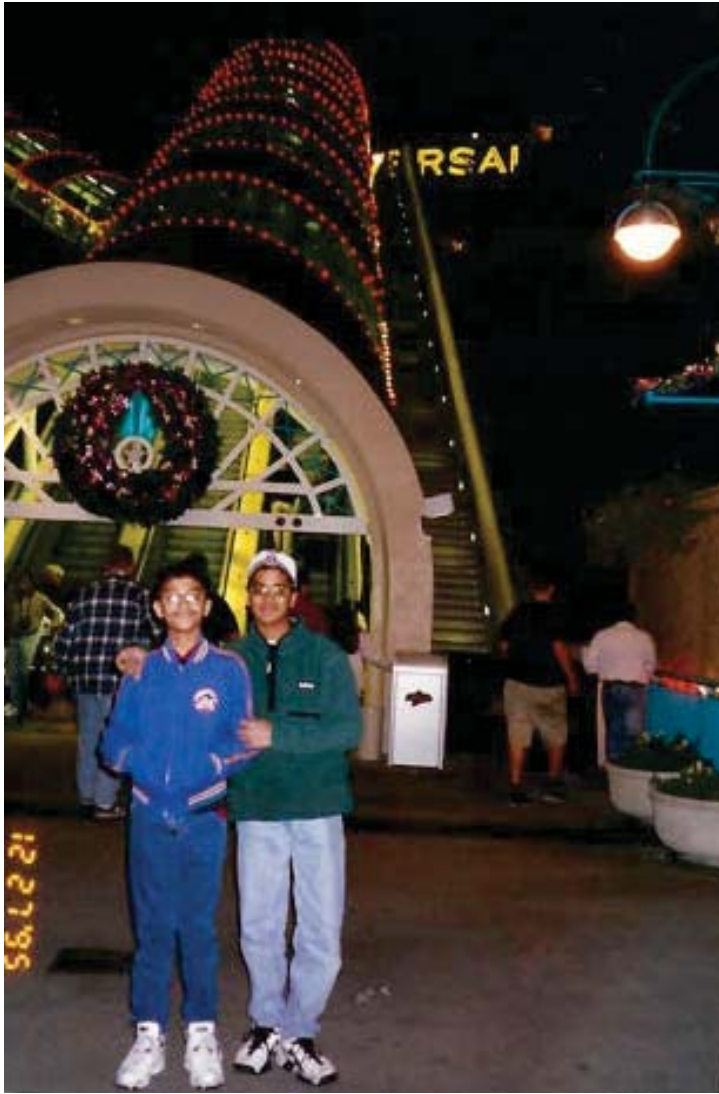
Sanjay and Saurabh at the San Diego Zoo



At the San Diego Zoo, tiger laying down.



The San Diego Zoo, Sanjay, and I in front of Tiger Den



Saurabh and Sanjay



Saurabh, Sanjay and Niket waiting for our car tire to be fixed.

1996

We were staying at Martinsville home, Bhabhi at Troy home.

Alka was in University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Amit at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Sanjay was 17. junior in High school Waiting to go into the senior class. Saurabh was 13 in class 7. Twins were 11 and in class 5.

Sanjay was going to be Senior at high school, so we decided on college hunting trip.

In our trip first we (Sanjay, Saurabh, and Saurabh went for Boston and met Amit at MIT. We also toured the following colleges in Boston, Boston College and. Tufts university. After that we went to Dartmouth College in Hanover New Hampshire, an IVY league School. From Boston, we went to another IVY league college, Cornell university, Ithaka NY

We don't have any photographs from there.

After seeing these colleges, we took a route to go to Toronto and went and saw my old friends Habib Khan (whom we called Khan Sahib) and his family. While on our way to Khan Sahib's house, who lived

in Toronto, we stopped by and saw Niagara Falls. In Toronto, we saw the C N Tower.



Saurabh and Sanjay in Niagara Falls



Sanjay at Niagara Falls



Saurabh at Niagara



Saurabh, Khan Sahib, Sanjay, and Khan family

Khan Sahib has his wife Meena, Sons Omar and Shaan, and daughter Seema.



CN Tower, Toronto

From Toronto, we drove down to Purushottam Kanodia's house in Akron, Ohio.



Sanjay, Saurabh with Kanodia's home with Purushottam ji



I, Purushottam ji, Sudha, and Saurabh

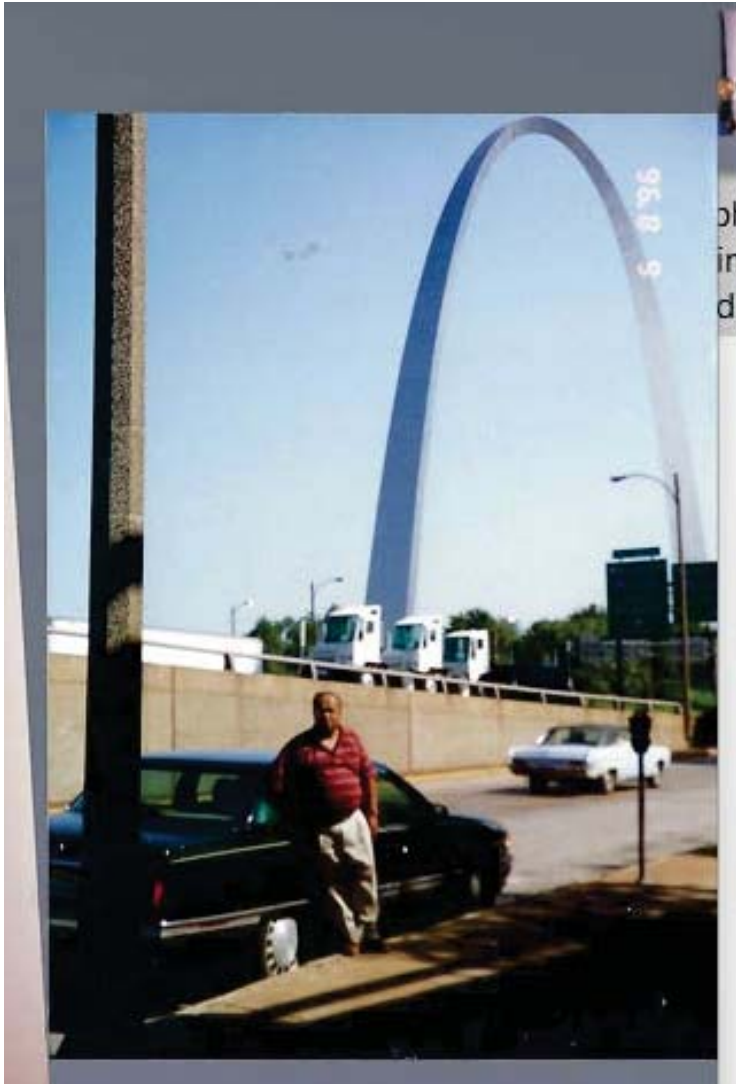


Saurabh, sanjay and I at the flower Garden in Ohio

From there three of us drove down to Troy, Michigan and Alka showed us the UFM, Michigan

We dropped Saurabh at my brother's place and proceeded to Washington University in Saint Louis.

In Saint Louis, we stopped by at the famous Arch and visited it. It has a museum where they show how the Arch was built. In the Arch we also took the ride thru the wholes up to the top and saw the whole city of St. Louis. The next day we saw the Washington university in St Louis



I in front of THE FAMOUS ST. LOUIS ARCH

In February 1996 I had a meeting at our home, where the existing members of India Association of Somerset County had come to my House to count the votes received in the election.



Ashok Saxena (standing), Subhash Ameen, unk, Ramesh Kumar, Pratima Manglik, unk sitting on Sofa and Mahesh Trivedi, Maharaj Raina, and Subhash Shah sitting on the floor.



Ms Raina, unk, and Manju Saxena

April, I was gone to Thailand to visit one our subcontractor, Chientek and was supposed to go to Bombay to attend Madhu's marriage which was scheduled on April 26. In the meanwhile, I got the call from Mahant ji (Kailash Shroff's younger brother, named Shrawan) to get the news that Baboo ji had expired on April 20 and my as soon as possible attendance is required. I immediately booked a flight to Delhi which was the available flight to

India (This flight was a flight of those passenger which would smuggle the goods in their 'Mutaris' . The flight was totally unorganised (or unorganisable). But I reached Delhi and there Shrawan (Mahant ji) was there to receive me. I got moved to another flight to Bombay on the morning of 4/21. I had called Neeru to come to Bombay as soon as possible. I saw Ma.



Ma after the passing away of Baboo ji in Bombay.



All four brothers in Bombay



*Figure 3: Babooji Sri Ramballabh Khetan  
(1923-1996)*



Bhaiya ji with Baboo ji (dead) in his Shayya (deathbed)



Sheo and Raghunath in Front of Baboo ji's deathbed



Gopal and Bhaiya carrying the 'arthie'



I at the Baboo ji's funeral



All 4 brothers

Neeru came to India on time to attend the Madhu's wedding to Sri Sanjeev Kataria on 4/26/96.



Everyone's get-together.

Sitting Sharda, Shanti, Prem Bhabhi, Neeru, and Manjari

Sitting: Neha, Tinkoo, Deepak, Jyoti, Alka, Anju, Aditya

Standing: Suresh Baboo, Shankar Baboo, Raghunath Bhaiyya Saurabh

Madhu's wedding was done, Banwari Bhaiyya was side-lined, but wedding took place any way, making his brother-in-law Pramod Adukia take in the responsibility of 'father'.



All together for Madhu's wedding

Sharda, Neeru, Shanti, Prem Bhabhi ji, Bimla Bhabhi ji and Manjari



Neeru standing next to her two brothers-in-law Shankar Baboo and Suresh baboo.



I, Sita Ramji Tekriwal (My father-in-law), Gobind Chacha ji(Shroff) , Gopal



Shankar Baboo, My father-in-law, and Gobind Chachaji



Sanjeev applying Sindoor in Madhu's Mang



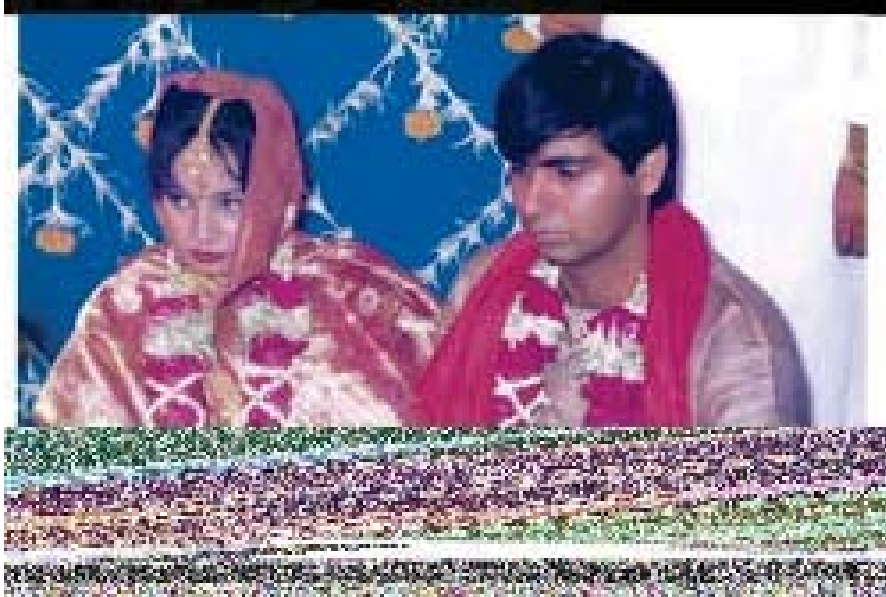
Prashant leading Madhu in Phera.



Madhu and Sanjiv giving some puffed rice.



Madhu and Sanjiv exchange the Varmala.



The wedding is complete.



Madhu after the wedding is done...Completely satisfied.



Bhabhi ji feeding her Samdhan in the Sajangoth , as the Samadhi just is lost

The wedding reception took place in Adukia School, Kandivali. There I remember sitting in the open sky.

With Suresh Baboo and betting on his ability to eat Rossogolla, giving \$1 per Rossogolla, his

Demand was more...\$50 per Rosogolla. I do not remember where we settled, but the account was settled.

Then in the wedding there we both enjoyed Rabadi very much.

We had a bhajan in our home in May in my father's memory.

We also had a visit to Rajasthani Picnic in 1996



Sammer and Sudhir in a small skit at The Rajasthani picnic



Anju in a skit---Rajasthani picnic

In the meanwhile, Sanjay, Saurabh Sudhir, and Sameers' scooting trips continued

Raakhi, we celebrated with Lala, Mahesh Baboo, Gayatri Bhua (Lala's mother)



Neeru giving some sweets to Sanjeev Bagadia



Sanjeev giving his gift to Nisha as Asha ji, Gayatri Bhua and Sameer watches.



Mahesh Baboo with his elder Sister Mrs. Gayatri Devi Bagadia

We also had Raakhi in our home including Raghunath Bhaiyya and family.



Rakhi in Martinsville 11

On 8/31/96 Neelam todi engaged with Asit Shah, her classmate at the Medical School. We were invited to his parents' house to celebrate in this event. We did not have any photo or video of this event.

In December 1996, we went for a tour of Jamaica. We went from Newark to Florida and from there to Jamaica.



Anjie, Asha ji, Neeru, I, Anand, Sammer, Sudhir and Saurabh at the airport



Mahesh Baboo, Asha ji, anand and Anjie sitting, and I with Saurabh.



Sanjay and Mahesh Baboo



Neeru, Asha ji, I and Saurabh at the dining table



Saurabh, Sameer, Sudhir, Sanjay with Anand, and Asha ji sitting.



Neeru with beads in hair

In Jamaica, we all went there for Dunn's River falls and took a dip in that.



Angie, Anand, Sanjay, Asha ji, Sammer, Sudhir, Saurabh, Neeru and on top Mahesh Baboo and I



The whole family at the Dunn's Rivers Falls



The whole family (minus Mahesh Baboo) at the falls

Then we came back and celebrated Christmas at our family



Christmas '96 we celebrated at our house, Sameer, Sudhir, Anand, Saurabh, I, and Sanjay playing with the Christmas tree.



Sameer and Neeru pleased with their Gifts.



Asha ji pleased with her gift.



I am pleased with my gift.



Sanjay opens his gift as Sameer and Asha ji watch him.



Mahesh Nana ji opens his gift as Sanjay and Angie watch.

Our son Sanjay was going to be 18 this February 7, plus he was a senior in High School and going to UFM this year. So, this year on February 7, we celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Pooja with Sanjeev and Sunil Bagadias



Sanjay with 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake



Neeru Feeding cake to Sanjay, While Sunil Bhaiyya watches



Sanjay cutting his Cake.



Suman, I, Sanjay and Neeru



I, Sanjay, Sunil Bagaria and Saurabh



Kids rub the cake on Sanjay's face.



Sonal and Suman



Jubilant Neeru

Our wedding anniversary fell 2 days after Sanjay's Birthday. So, our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary was celebrated with a cake.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary with I and Neeru, while twins watch



I am cutting the anniversary cake while Neeru and Sameer watch.



I am eating the cake while Mom, Sudhir, Anand, and Asha ji watch

On February 21, 1977, we celebrated Twin's 12 birthday at home.



Sameer, Sudhir with mom, candles lit on the cake.



Sameer and Sudhir blowing the candles, while their school friends watch.



Candles on Cake lit, while Sanjay, Twins and friends watch.

On 3/28/97 we (IASC) had organised a Food Pantry program. Several members of India Association of somerset country had assembled in a local church and organised a stall there for the destitute citizens of our county for breakfast/lunch. The food was either donated by local Businesses and some stuff was bought on IASC funds. Organised all the foods was done by IASC members.



The IASC volunteers. Mrs Raina, unk, Mahara Raina, unk, Neeru, I and Ramesh Kumar



The IASC Voluntary members at the food pantry including I and Neeru



The food pantry volunteers, Neeru, I, Ramesh Kumar, and Rupa Kothari



The food pantry customers



Neeru appearing as one Volunteer for the food camp.



Neeru cooking food in the Kitchen in the food camp.

In April we all went for a trip to Italy and Switzerland along with Mahesh Nana ji and his family.

During this trip Mom forgot her passport in USA. We very much worried and landed in Italy. The immigration officer did give a lot of tough time to mom about it. He ultimately gave her a 2-day visa under the condition that she will go to the American Consulate and have them provide a temporary passport to her. We dutifully went to American Consulate for the passport, however there we met a Sardar in a line. He asked us why were in the line. We described our situation to him, and he started laughing. His saying was what will temporary passport do to us. We should stay in Italy now that the officer has allowed us. When we leave even if the officials catch us for violating, what would he do. This made sense to us, but throughout our stay in Italy, we were very cautious. Luckily no one bothered us throughout the Italy stay. We became fearless and moved around and saw the whole Italy, we saw.

1 Rome:

Rome is a unique city in the world. It has an old Rome consisting of Colosseum, and other old, dilapidated buildings of the ancient times and the New City consisting of modern architecture.



Saurabh, twins, and Mom in Rome



Mom, Sanjay, I and sameer in front of *Altare della Patria, Rome (New Rome)*



Another building in Rome



The COLLOSEUM...in a dilapidated state...in old Rome



Colosseum as it looks today.



Sudhir, Mahesh Baboo, Sameer, Asha ji, Saurabh, and Mom in Rome



A Painting in the ceiling of Sistine chapel in Vatican Rome



*The Creation of Adam* by Michelangelo



A ceiling painting in Sistine chapel Vatican Rome



the whole families (except me, the photographer) in front of a building in Rome



The whole family except Mahesh Baboo----in Italy



The whole family under a church ---Italy

We just did a shopping in Rome, and I became an owner of a Rolex watch.

## 2. Firenze: Florence

It is a small city full of Building housing a collection of old art.



David's statue in Firenze, by Michelangelo



Mommy in Firenze Studio



Mommy under another painting in Firenze

3.Pisa

slightly leaning towers of Pisa



Everyone at leaning tower of Pisa



Saurabh and Mommy and the leaning tower of Pisa



Twins in Lisa—under a building

#### 4, Venice

Venice is a city where there are no roads. Basically, all the roads are water ways, and the method of transportation is water roads. All travelling is done through the water ways. Buildings are constructed.



Venice in Italy, where all buildings are connected by canal.

Over the ware ways. In Venice there is world famous glass blowing industry, in Murano. They make individual small toys, Chandeliers, and different artificial subjects.



A technician blows the hot glass thru mouth.

We visited 5-6 shops in the industry and did shopping for the two Chandeliers, a pair of ducks, one hand made statue etc. we have till today displayed the in our drawing room as well as in the entrance from

LINEA MAZZUCATO Murano, Italy is the shop we bought these glass pieces

Venice, we looked for an Indian Restaurant and found and had there our food.



Chandelier #1 hanging in our entrances.



Statue of mother with a small child in hand---in the entrance to hall



Chandelier #2 dining room



A pair of ducks

So, this way we finished 4-5 days tour of Italy. We were completely bowled over by Italy's Scenes. old beautiful heritage—The Coliseum, The Vatican City, towering peace in Lisa, the beauty of Firenze---its beautiful old paintings and stoned architecture—The David.

And throughout the trip not a single policeman harassed about Neeru's VISA. And when we were coming back the immigration authorities did not say word about Neeru's VISA we finally left that country in peace,



Neeru Beaming with happiness over lack of immigration troubles in Italy.

From Italy, we came to Switzerland. What a calm and peaceful land was this country. We don't have many photos of this country, but some photos of our experiences I share with you. In first stop we went to Lucene, where precision clocks are made, we bought a cuckoo clock from their which until recently it ran beautifully. But lately something is wrong, and it does not run.



Cuckoo Clock bought in Lucerne.

That's where we went by cable car gondola to Mount Titlis. It is a mountain which is at the height of 10k feet. Its east Alps. We went by Gondola that is situated in local stands in the ground made of ice and has been that way for several 100 years or so. I was afraid that those pillars would come down any way, but our Gondola which came up to a total height of 10000 feet in a half hour or so. This made my heart calm. On the top there was a canteen built on ice. There was a tunnel Built in thru ice and we walked thru it. The whole scenario was like a movie.



The Gondola took us to top of mountain Mt. Titlis.



View from inside the gondola



Our gondola entrance centre in the Mt Titlis Alps



Tunnel on top of Mt Titlis, built by carving thru ice.

Then out Italy trip ended, and we successfully came back to New Jersey.

On 4/26/97 we celebrated Saurabh's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Pooja restaurant with sanjeev and Sonal Bagadia



Saurabh with 14<sup>th</sup> birthday cake at Pooja restaurant, Sameer putting candles.



Saurabh blowing 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake candles as Mom(hidden) watches.



Sanjeev with Sameer at Pooja restaurant ay Saurabh's 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Scouting was continuing, but Sanjay was finished with scouting. He finished the scouting with a project of finishing with the landscaping of walkaway Behind the library and earned the Eagle Scout.

Sameer and Sudhir were actively in the scouting. They participated in Rock Climbing.

During the summer Sameer and Sudhir took part in three weeks of John Hopkins University 's Center to youth program.

Next, on 6/21-6/23 our Bhuiya's Neice Neelam Todi got married.



Neelam (Todi) before marriage, ready for



Neelam's parents, Bhi Saheb (Nand ji) and Bhabhi ji (Shashi) sitting on the head table watching her daughter's marriage.



Asit Saha (Neelam's husband) and Neelam sitting in the wedding 'MANDAP'.



Neelam with Alka



Bina Todi, feeding ice cream to Nimish.



Alka, Sanjay, Anju, Bina with Nimish in Hand



All the wedding attendees in line for meal



In wedding, some attendants sing the songs.

Thus, the wedding was complete.

Soon thereafter, Sanjay had a major transform in life. Sanjay On 6/28/97 graduated from high school.

We did give him a nice Graduation Party inviting all family and friends. The party was at Long Hill Community centre in Millington. The food was catered from local Pooja restaurant. We have no photo but a video of the event. The only thing I remember is the Keynote Speech by our friend Vishwanath, who also rendered a song “Munna Bada Pyara” from the film Musafir (1957)



Sanjay High School Graduation Party 1997

The sad point in this event was, that Sanjay for the first time had to leave his school and go to the school, which turned out to be UFM Michigan, Ann Arbor near my brother's home.



Sanjay High School Graduation



Sanjay with Asha Nani ji and Anand with Graduation Festivity

Monica Jindia and Jay Kalyanraman also graduated from high school this year 6/29/97.

My 48<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in my home by my family on July 5, 1997. Mahesh Baboo and Asha ji were our guests.



Sameer Sudhir with me and cake and mommy watches



I cut the cake while Sudhir and Sameer watch.



Sanjay Feeding me the cake while Neeru watches.



Asha ji feeds me the cake.

In the meanwhile, Ramesh Kumar's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party was celebrated On 7/26, but I could not go.

This year's Rakhi we celebrated, by going to Troy. Michigan



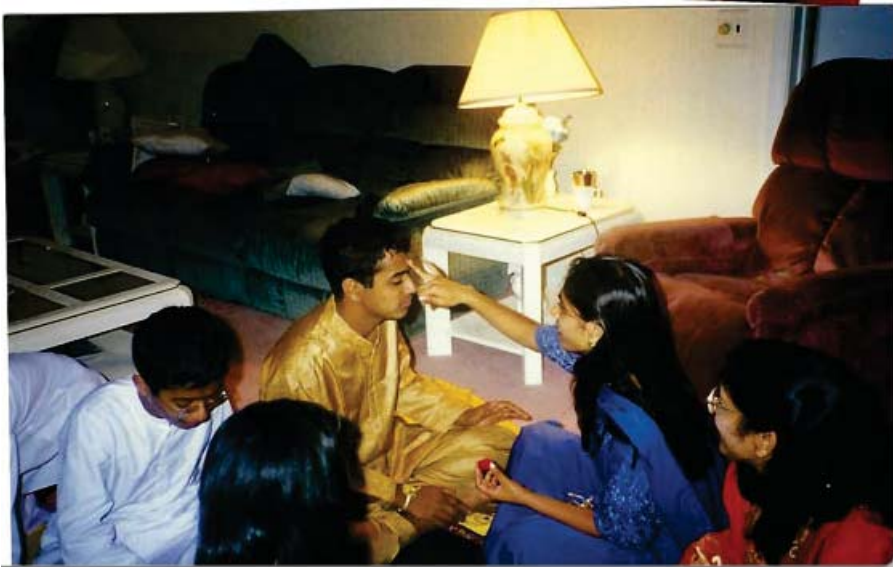
Alka offers Rakhi to me



Alka and Sudhir.... Sanjay and Sudhir watch



Alka and Sanjay, while twins and Anju watch



Anju and Sanjay while Bhabhi ji, Alka and one of the twins' watches.



Bhabhi ji does Tilak to Neeru, while Alka and I watch.



Alka ties to Sudhir while Anju and Sameer watch

And Saurabh's face making was as before.



Liss Kothari's Arangetram was performed on 9/29/97.

**Per Saurabh's Memory, we celebrated XMAS at Sunil Tekriwal's falls Church home in west Virginia.**

## **!998**

Our family was in Martinsville but a total of 5 people. Sanjay had already cleared the High School and moved to University of Michigan Ann Arbor.

Raghunath Bhaiyya's family was still in Troy, Michigan but with Anju, Alka at home but working at Ford. Amit was a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at MIT Massachusetts.

The first event this year was a marriage of Prashant with Sheetal on 4/17/98. Our whole family (except Sanjay who was at UFM), and Raghunath Bhaiyya's whole (less Amit and Alka-who were either in school or had a job) family travelled to Bombay for that.



Prashant getting mehndi on hand by two sisters Madhu and Jyoti while Neeru watches.



**4 days before marriage, the group sitting together.**

Back: unk, Manish, Shanti

Middle: Neeru, unk, Sharda, Ma, unk

Front: Jyoti



4 days before marriage, group sitting together.

On sofa: Sanjeev, Bimla Bhabhi ji, unk, unk

Sitting first row: Neeru, unk, Manjari, Sharda

Sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Jyoti, unk, unk, unk



Prashant Mehendi ceremony Ma, Neeru, Sharda. Shanti etc



**Ma with Prem Bhabhi.**



Dadiji (My Mom) with Sanjay



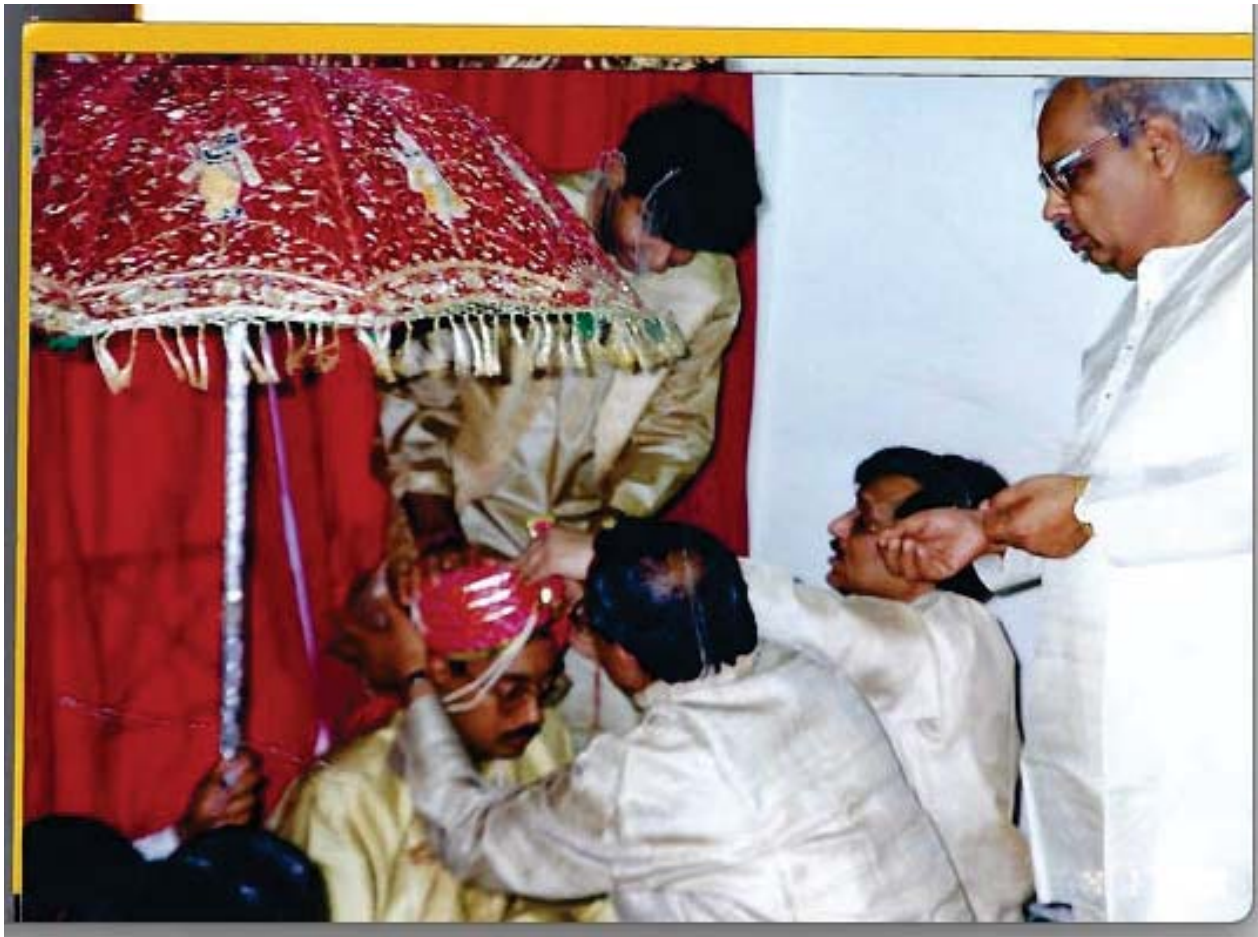
Prashant's Mehendi: unk, Neha, Neeru



Prashant with clothes coloured in “haldi” ceremony.



Bhabhi ji doing tilak on Prashant after he showers after haldi ceremony.



Three Jawains involved in Pencha Badhai (Shankar Baboo, Suresh Baboo, And Sajeev, While bhaiya ji watch



Suresh baboo takes critical look and ok's his dress od for marriage.



Suresh Baboo, sanjeev and Bhaiyya ji happy to see Prashant ready for wedding.



Prashant, Vinayak Aditya, and Suresh Baboo



Newlywed Prashant and Shital playing 'Sotka-Sotki'



Shital playing 'Sotka-Sotaki' with Sanjeev and Manish



Shital talking to the 'vinayak' Aditya while Bhabhi ji, Shanti, Neeru, Sharda, Manjari and Prem Bhabhi watch.



Prashant and Shital play 'Jua' as Manish, Bhabhi ji and Neeru watch.

This way the wedding got completed and we came back to USA.

In USA the first thing was Saurabh's 15th birthday, which we celebrated at Suman Auntie's place.



Saurabh's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated at Suman's home.



Saurabh on his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday

On August 22 of this year, we celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Suman Bagadia's home.



Sheela Bhabhi applying Tilak to Neeru while others watch.



Neeru applying tilak to Sonal as Sanjeev gleefully watches.



Neeru tying Rakhi to Anjali.



Sanjay and Angie (in Saree) together and Amrita watches



Neeru tying Rakhi to Anand as Mahesh baboo and Asha ji watches.



Sheela ji does Tilak to me



Neeru does Tilak to Sunil. And Suman and others watch.



Anjie feeds sweets to Lala



Neeru ties Rakhi to Asha ji (not wearing a sari or salwar suit)

Todi ji, this summer went to Maryland for vacation. They and full family, Raghunath Bhaiya, and family, us, and our family and finally Anjie Tekriwal came to Maryland. We took our car and drove to cape May and there took Cape May –Lewes Ferry to Maryland tunnel and then took our car in Maryland and went to Maryland shore. It was a fun-filled activity for us. I have no pictures of this trip.



6/13 We had Vishal Jalan's graduation party. 7/18 We had Chitra Kalyanraman's birthday party.

In September 1998 Sanjay took mom to San Diego, California and Tijuana, Mexico



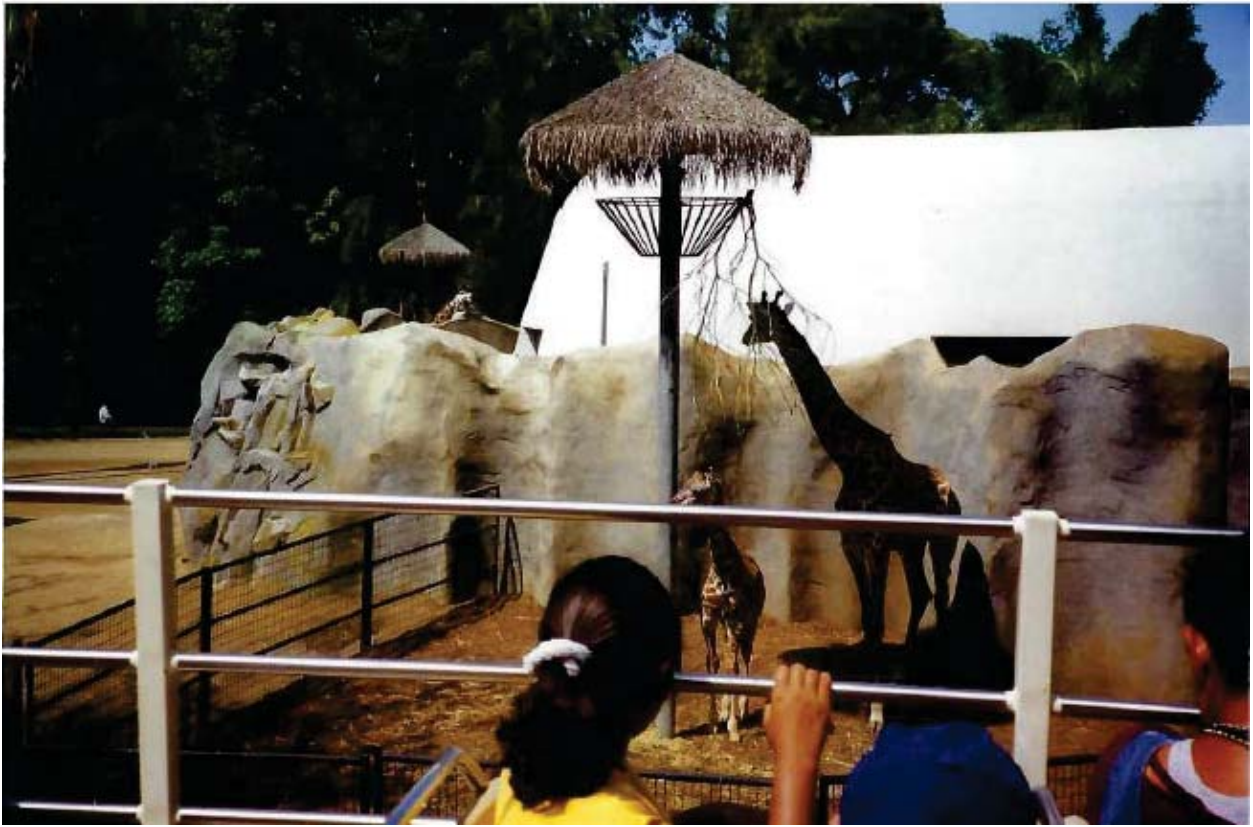
San Diego, he picked up the Deepak and Poonam Jains kids (Anuj and Neha) and taken them to show them San Diego Zoo



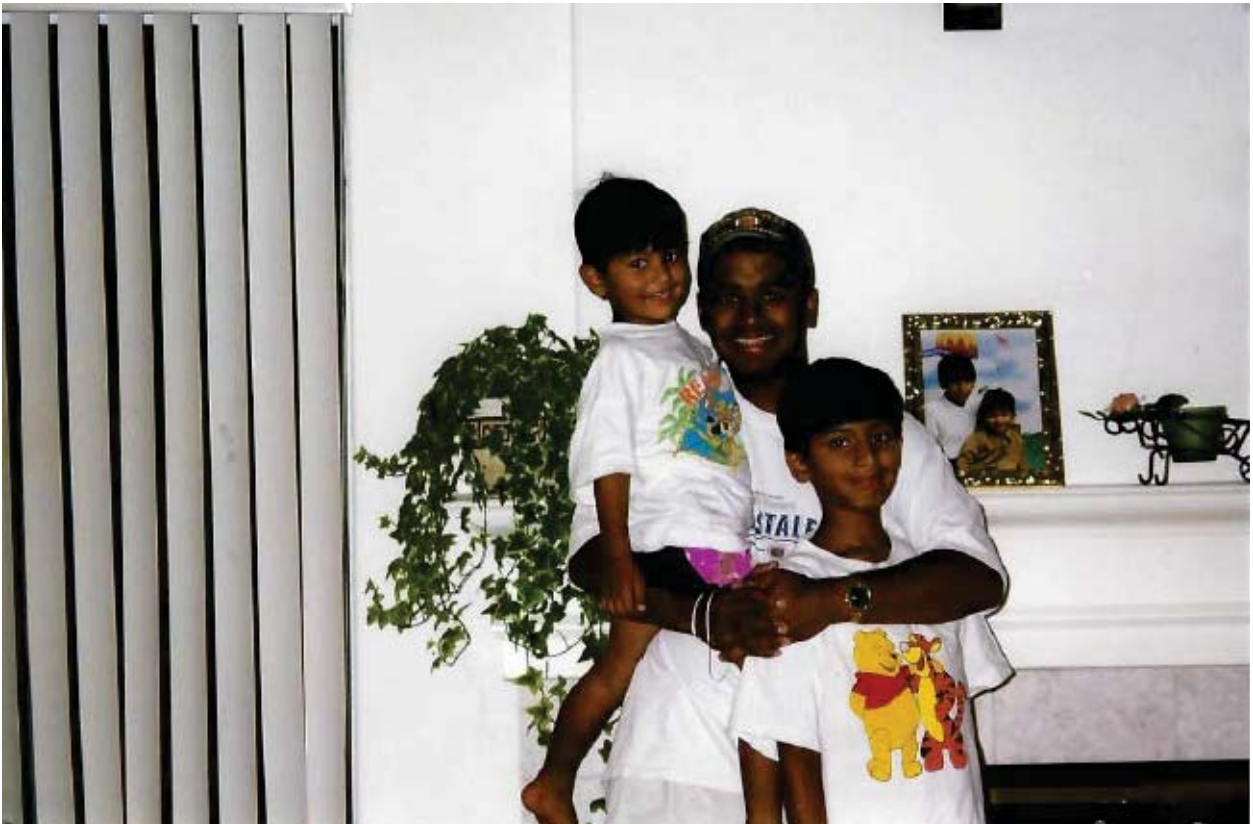
Anuj (San Diego Zoo)



Neha (San Diego Zoo)



Anuj and Neha watching Giraffe.



Sanjay with Nimish in the hand and Niket



Sanjay with Nimish in hand in front of a building in San Diego



Sanjay and Mommy with Minnie Mouse



Neeru in Tijuana Mexico

This year we had Raghunath Bhaiyya 's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Party during Christmas breakdown (actual date for 25th anniversary was on 1/16/99). For this celebration Banwari Bhaiyya and Bimla Bhabhi came from

Bombay on 19 December 1998, went to Troy, Michigan to participate in Raghunath bhaiya's 25th wedding anniversary and finally came back to NJ and left for India on January 26, 1999.



Raghunath bhaiya and Prem Bhabhi on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party

Her best friend Mamta Goenka who was visiting, unknown to Bhabhi ji. She did a phone call wishing Bhabhi ji the best wishes for another 25 years. After some talk, she suddenly appeared and the whole audience applauded.

Also, on this occasion I, Shashi Bhabhi, Nand Kishore Jee, Neelam Did a skit about their coming and first seeing Bhaiyya in Stonebrook dormitory and it went well. (As we will learn, the same skit will be performed again by next generation in Bhabhi and Bhaiyya's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. in Pocono Mountains during Christmas in year 2023)

I also presented Bhabhi ji's initial trouble with bhaiya's food habits and it went well.



RPK/PLK anniversary 1998



Rajiv Mehta introduces Prem and Raghunath khetan with his brother S Khetan and Neeru and Bimla and Banwari Lal (Khetan) Agrawal



Prem Bhabhi ji on right with Pushpa Kella. And Sweetie Mehta



Prem Bhabhi and Sudha Kanodia



Navin and Anju performing in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Girls performing the dance.



A view of the audience



Bhaiyya ji and Bhabhi ji in the side view



Bhaiyya with my classmate Mr and Mrs Ashok Kulshreshtha



Bhabhi ji with me talking with Purushottam and Sudha Kanodia



Raghunath bhaiya with Nand Kishore Todi and Bhabhi ji (hidden)



Bhaiyya/Bhabhi's friend Tiwari ji talks to audience and has Bhaiyya/Bhabhi take new 'vows'.



Finally, Bhaiyya and Bhabhi get a chance on the mike to thank audiences.

Last thing, we celebrated Christmas at Raghunath Bhaiyya's Troy home.



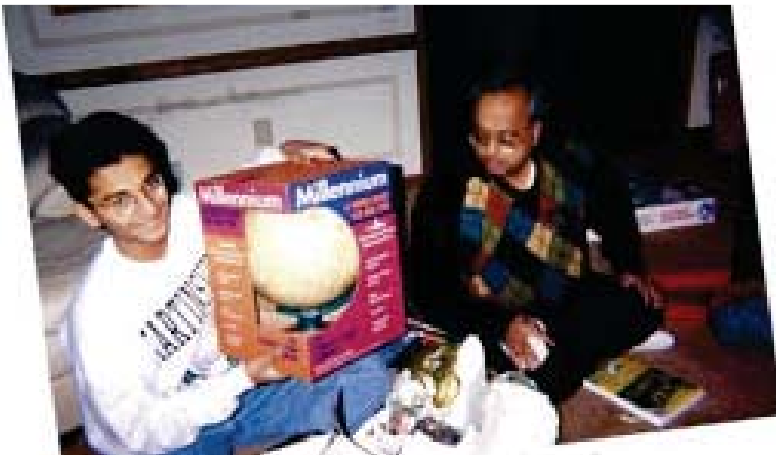
Christmas at our home with Sanjay showing his gift while Sudhir with leg spread out, and mommy watch.



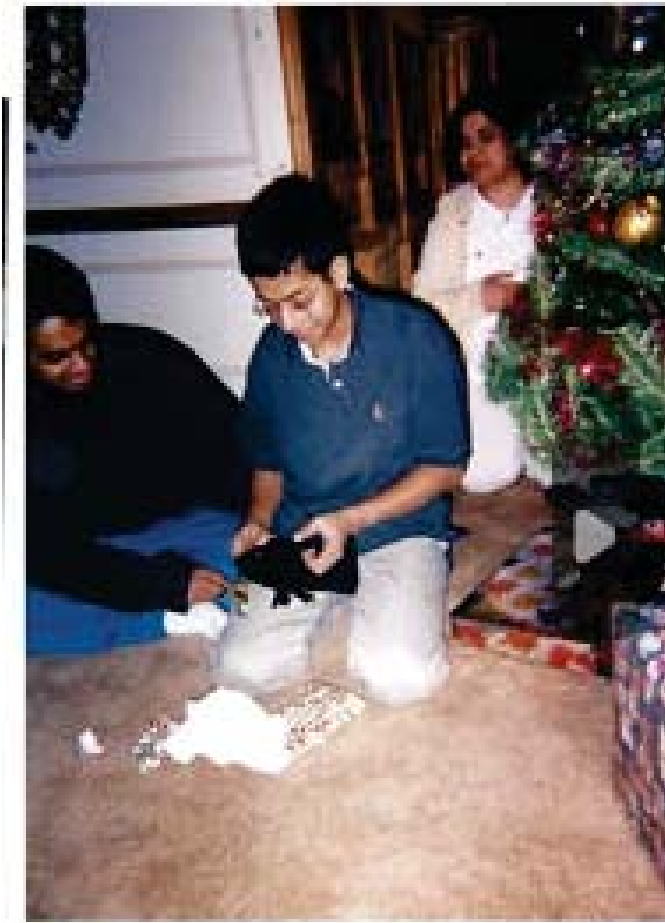
I am showing my gift while Sanjay watches.



Mom Shows her gift.



Saurabh gets his gift, while Dad watches



Sudhir gets his gift while Sanjay and mom watch.

## 1999

This year Banwari Bhaiyya and Bimla Bhabhi ji who had come in December to attend Raghunath Bhaiya and Prem Bhabhi ji's 25th wedding anniversary, went to Bombay on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

They stayed in Detroit and went back to Bombay on January 24 from there only.

This year we were in the same house in Martinsville with all 3 younger kids, with Sanjay at University of Michigan in 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Tau ji (Raghunath Khetan) and Taiji were in the Troy, with Anju. Alka staying in home working at FORD, and Amit was a senior in MIT Michigan

We had mom's 41<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrated at our home on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1999



Mom on 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday



Saurabh feeding mom the birthday cake.



Mom and I watching her birthday cake.

On kids' spring break, we decided to take them for seeing the Las Vegas and Hoover Dam from April 4 to April 10. Sanjay was in University of Michigan so he could not make it to this trip.

Las Vegas, the Gambling town of USA was a fun city in more than one way. It was basically a city composed of ~20 hotels/Casinos, each built for a huge army of vacationers (mostly Casino player of various games of chance

like Blackjack. Poker, and other games etc. where casino players could play any time of the week. These hotels had all in town show, some with the most people of incredible standings. Each Casinos had famous magician, performers etc.

Outside looks of these casinos was very imaginative. One casino would have an active volcano that would have the real looking lava in every so many minutes. Another casino would have a water fall scene such that every so minute it would have waterfall.

Apart for these casino hotels, which were all situated on a mile strip of road called the Strip, there were innumerable no of smaller hotels, modestly decorated for nice sleep. However, they were all laced with casino ball setting machines.

We chose to stay at one of these hotels 2 miles away from the Strip. For 2 days we roamed around the city, gazing up the incredibly scenes of volcanos and strings. We spent time at various cassino tables playing games like Blackjack or Poker. We also watched some six or seven shows of incredible magic or a very nice mixture of light, sound, and all-around celebration.



Neeru in front of one casino hotels



Mom, Saurabh, Sameer, and Sudhir in front of a large MGM Hotel



Mom, Sameer, Saurabh, and Sudhir in front of Hotel Mirage with Waterfall every ½ hour

From Las Vegas, we decided to go to the famous HOOVER DAM

**Hoover Dam** is a in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River, on the border between the U.S. states of Nevada and Arizona. It was constructed between 1931 and 1936 during the Great Depression and was dedicated on September 30, 1935, by President Theodore Roosevelt. It was referred to as the Hoover Dam after President Herbert Hoover



The Hoover Dam as depicted in internet.



Sameer, Mom, I and Sudhir in front of Hoover Dam



Saurabh in front of Hoover Dam



The Hoover Dam

After seeing the Hoover Dam, we decided to visit Grand Canyon

The **Grand Canyon** is a steep-sided canyon carved by the Colorado River in Arizona, United States. The Grand Canyon is 277 miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and attains a depth of over a mile.

President Theodore Roosevelt was a major proponent of the preservation of the Grand Canyon area and visited it on numerous occasions to hunt and enjoy the scenery.



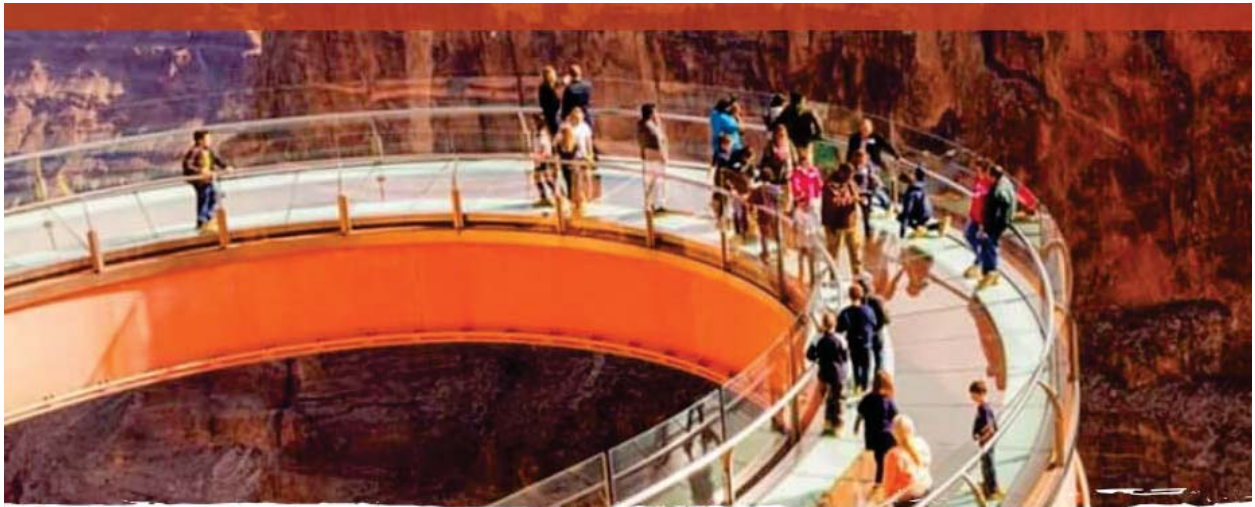
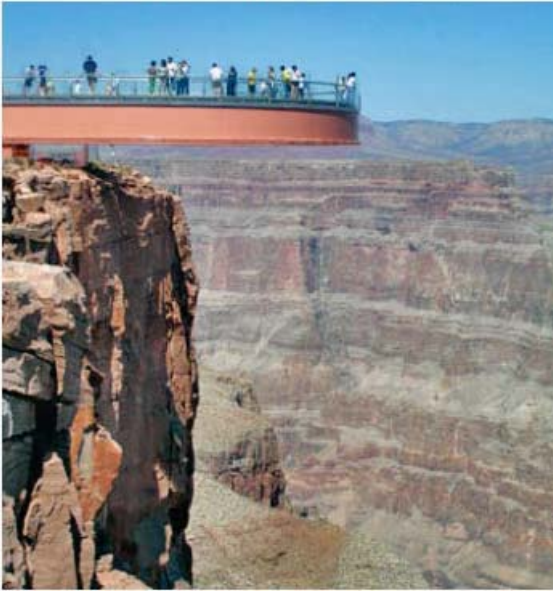
All of us together at the Grand Canyon



The Grand Canyon

One of the new feature , that makes Grand Canyon viewing from upstairs was not there . It was built around 2007

**Grand Canyon Skywalk**



We came home and celebrated Saurabh's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in our home with Kicha and Mala



Saurabh's 16th birthday cake. Notice this the way he spelt his name at that time.

He dropped the "a" name from his name.



Saurabh blowing the candles as Kicha, Sunder (His Son) and I watch.



I feed the cake to Saurabh(e) as Kicha watches.



I, Kicha, and Saurabh watch his cake plus candles.

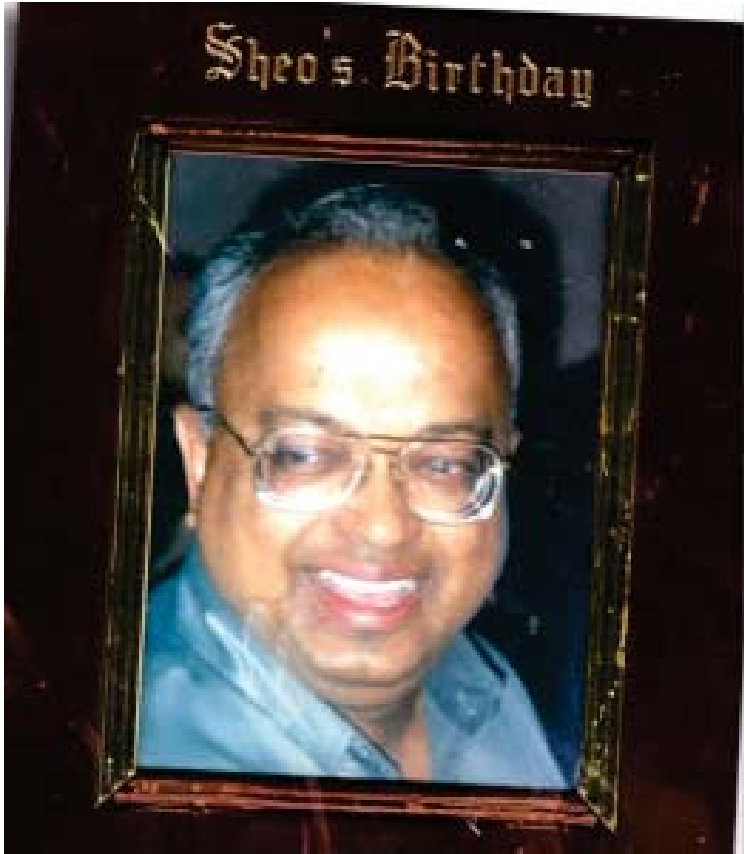


Mom Feeds the Cake to Saurabh



Mom and Kicha see Saurabh Cut the cake.

This year on July 5 Neeru threw a Surprise party on my 50th birthday at Akbar restaurant.



The Birthday Boy



Mom. Saurabh, Sanjay, and Sameer with me at the Akbar restaurant



Sanjay, Angie, Anju and unk.



My Birthday Cake



Neeru, I with Vasu and his two daughters



Raghunath Bhaiyya, Mahesh Baboo, and I



Sunil with Raj, Asha ji and I



Our good friend Rashmi Jalan was very much happy with us.

Neeru sung a song (with Kiran Kothari on harmonium) to me “Aapki Nazaron Ne Samjha”

[https://www.hindilyrics4u.com/song/aap\\_ki\\_nazro\\_ne\\_samjha.htm](https://www.hindilyrics4u.com/song/aap_ki_nazro_ne_samjha.htm)

Naresh Bhagat roasted me for a long (a way too long) time.

This is how the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday ended.

Alka joined Stanford University in California. Amit graduated from MIT in double majors and joined University of Berkeley, California for his Doctoral work.

Sameer, Sudhir and Saurabha went on a scouting trip during summer, to Philmont.

We went for a summer boating cruise to Halifax Canada with Raghunath bhaiya and Prem Bhabhi



Neeru and Bhabhi ji on the cruise ship (from NY to Halifax and back)



Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi on the ship to Hallifax



Neeru and I at the ship



Neeru, I, and Bhabhi ji on the ship lying in the swimming pool chairs.



Halifax city as seen from the beach.

We had Tuli's son graduate from high school. We went to his party August 8, 1999

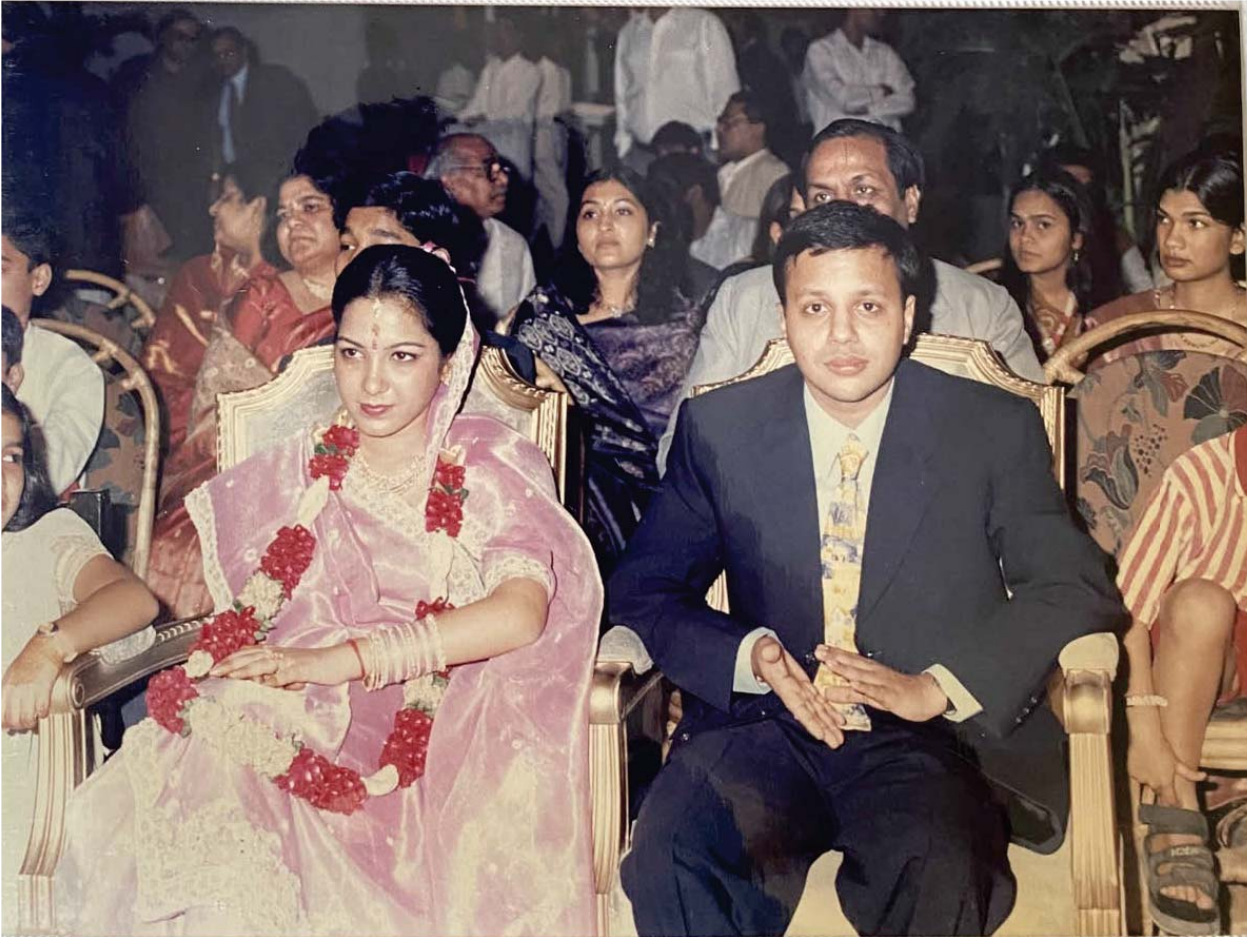
We celebrated Mani Gupta's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in this year.

Also, this year we went to Sonia Kothari's Arangetram

Then Rashmi Jalan's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated. We participated in it.

## **2000**

Neeru went to India, Bombay on 1/8/2000 and to Calcutta to attend the marriage of her niece Sushma with Amit Kataruka. The marriage was on 1/17/2000.



Sushma and Amit marriage, Neeru watching from back.



Neeru's Baboo ji. Amit, Sushma, Neeru



Sushma  
and  
Amit  
married  
on

1/17/2000

We were still at Martinsville home, with Saurabh, sameer, and Sudhir at home and Sanjay with U O M in 2d year. Raghunath Bhaiyya with Bhabhi and Anju at home. Alka was at Stanford doing MBA and Amit at University of California, Berkely finishing his Ph D.

In India Deepak (Shanti's Son) moved over to Bangalore. Gopal was with Bhaiya ji who was trying to start a business.

I stopped at Bombay for 3 days on 3/9-3/11.

In the meanwhile, I was at home. The basement was being broken and being reconstructed, by Mikael Rufolo of Rufolo Construction.

We had decided to rebuild the basement area to have My study room, a whole new storage room, finished meeting room, a kitchen, and a bathroom with shower. The study room would have a bed and mattress for someone to sleep on. The basement would also have a direct access to outside thru a Bilko door.



Basement being built, digging for outside Bilko Door



Hole dug in for Bilko door.



Bilko Door construction



Bilko door construction



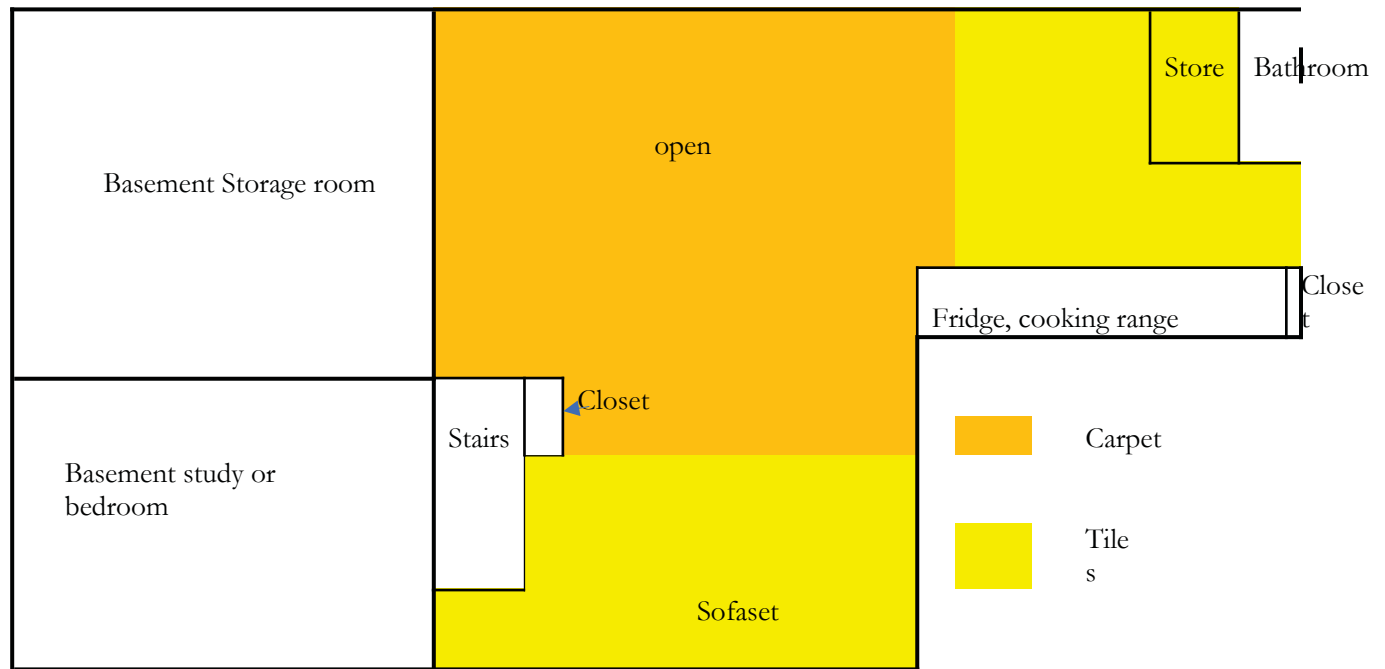
Inside construction



Inside construction 2

The construction took a total of 4 months. It was beautiful when it was done.

### Finished Basement



Dimension  
68'\*28'

Bruce had given me tickets to a Broadway theatre. He also sent me to Singapore around March, and I was coming around thru Bombay. My job was to evaluate the final test in Asia. I had 6 countries selected, China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Mexico, and Thailand.

Pavan and Mamta visited me in May 2000.

Vinay Aditya visited me in June

I was a board member at the startup of VERT group in 2000. The group was working on a unique way of advertising on the taxicabs.

In April (April 15 to May 17) Prashant and Shital came to USA. We had (all at home I, Neeru, Saurabh, Sudhir and Sameer) took them to Niagara and Toronto. There we met Bhabhi, bhaiya and their friends.

Mamta Goenka. We took them to Khan Sahib and his family in Toronto. We came back to Martinsville, but, they went with Bhabhi to Detroit and to west coast.

5/18/2000 family get together #18



Family get-together 2000



We all next to Khan Sahib's house in Toronto



We, Sudhir, Sameer, I, Neeru and Saurabh in Toronto, By Khan Sahib's house



Bhaiyya, Bhabhi and Shital in Toronto



Shital, Saurabh, twins, Prashant, Mamta, and Punit Goenka in Toronto



Shital, Pooja, Mamta, Bhabhi, Puneet Goenka by the Niagara Falls

After this they went to Detroit and west coast with Sanjay, Amit and Alka

And we returned after a shot trip To Niagara Falls



All of us Sameer, Mom, I, Sudhir, and Sameer (Sanjay at U of M) in front of Niagara Falls



Mam, Saurabh, Sudhir, and Sameer all in Gowns ready for 'The maid of the mist'



The falls



The falls ...with Sudhir in the foreground

The trip to west coast started after they left us.



Shital and Sanjay next to "the crooked Street" in San Francisco



Prashant and Shital under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco



Sanjay under the Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco



Prashant and Shital dining in San Francisco with Sanjay, Amit and Alka



Prashant and Shital with Minnie Mouse in Disneyworld Los Angeles



Prashant and Shital in Las Vegas



Shital, Sanjay, Alka and Amit in Las Vegas watching a waterfall show (artificial) at one of the Hotels.



Shital, Prashant and Alka with the Las Vegas's girls

This is how the trip ended.

In June of 2000 we went to Rajasthani Festival, in Washington DC perhaps the last one of this kind,

We did a skit about a typical Indian newly arrived family from India, in which Sanjay acted as a cop.

Sanjay as a cop in his dress as the cop



2000 Rajasthani Sammelan



Sanjay in Rajasthani picnic Skit

Raghunath Bhaiyya went to India from 6/10 to 6/24. Bhabhi decided to visit us from 6/19 to 6/24

I turned to 51 on 7/5/49. Kids Decided to celebrate that with a cake.



My 51<sup>st</sup> birthday...notice how fat I am. 211 lbs as opposed to today's weight 149 lbs.



Saurabh helps me cut the Cake.



Mom feeds me the cake.

That July, we were very enthused to go to Alaska Cruise with Mani Gupta and his family. We had never been on a cruise before. The only cruise we had taken was the river cruise to Halifax which was no match to Alaska cruise. For Alaska Cruise, we had to fly to Vancouver and there we got on the ship.



Our giant Cruise ship, it had 9 storeys, each story (except 1st and 2d , or top storey), each of them 160 small rooms thus housing ~2000 persons. Crew load was approximately 1000-thus total people about 3000 people)



Alaska with glacier in the Background...with Sanjay, Sameer, Sudhir, Saurabh, and mom in the forefront



Neeru, I, Abha, their elder son Amol, and Mani in a dining room style sitting room where we Took our twice a day breakfast, lunch, and evening tea.

The eating place was provided enough room, and the food was placed at the stalls, there. The food was everything you could imagine, from drinks, milk, toasts, pastry. Fruits, meat ---everything you could eat. It would be made right in front of you on hot ovens. The food was enough for 7 days and you could eat as much as you wanted.

There were 24-hour pizza Parlors and ice crème as much as you could eat.

During daytime, you had all the shops there where you could get a good Bargain. There were casinos, which would house various tables of casino games like Blackjack or poker or other games. There were enough slot machines

In the evening they had a 2-hour long entrainment program in their amphitheatre which had a sitting capacity of 3000 people. This program was very good. The country's second-best end rate entertainers (the first-rate players would go to Hollywood, Las Vegas or Atlantic City etc.)



The boys, Amit, Amol, Sanjay standing and Saurabh, Sudhir, Sameer, and Mom in the formal dining room.

The dinner would be fixed in the Dining Rooms, but since some of the cooks were of Indian origin, we told and requested them to provide us with genuine Indian Food i.e., Malai kofta, paneer masala, Rasmalai, Roti, etc. so the Indian cooks were more than pleased to make them for our table. Thus, half the meals were of our choice, of Indian origin.



The whole gang sitting on the Dining room i.e., Amol, Saurabh, Sameer, Sudhir, mom, I, Abha, Mani, Amit, and Sanjay



Sanjay in Front of Valdez map



I and Mom



Saurabh and Amol on the raft on the small water lake



The ice glacier in Alaska



Saurabh and Amol seeing at a glacier.



Sameer and Sudhir doing a life vest to explore the water.



I and Neeru in front of the glacier



We saw nice houses made by Regular Red Indian Tribes



Saurabh and Sanjay



Mani blowing something from his hand.



Abha Doing the same thing.



Two lumberjacks going up on the big trees.



On the ship, they were displaying the food cutting.



On the ship two workers were displaying the ice cutting

And thus, our cruise went very well. These 7 days passed without any unusual event. Then we came back to earth (USA) and took the flight to our home



[12.2 - Alaska Cruise.mov - Google Drive](#)



Alaska Cruise 2000-2

Summer, Sanjay was working at P & G, Twins were doing summer camp at Bryn Mawr for 3 weeks.

On July 9, Vikram Tekriwal wed Ritu in India. They had a reception in Long Island which we attended on September 9.

**And finally, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2000, Neeru got Citizenship of the country.**

In India, Madhu gave the birth to Dhruva on 9/11/2000.



Dhruv Kataria born on September 9, 2000

We had a dinner with Mr. Narayana Murthy on Sept. 26th at 6.30 PM at Bareli's Italian Restaurant at 219 East Route 3, Secaucus NJ 07094.

were several graduations this year. Both Amol Gupta and Chitra Kalyanraman graduated from High School this year.

Pooja Lal's wedding this summer we attended.

Also, Bhagwat Mangala in Chicago threw a wedding reception for his son Atul that we attended.

On our way back I came to USA by Bangkok-Calcutta-Mumbai-New York.



Dad in **India** 2000

On October 5 to October 29, Bruce sent me to Tokyo for Total Productive Maintenance Training.



I returned with the following certificate

Then we gave the largest party of our married life, **THE 25<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

The wedding celebration was scheduled for December 23, 2000, in the Chand Palace in Parsippany

We had called My brother Mr Banwari Lal Agrawala or Bhabhi Mrs Bimla Devi Agrawala for this from Bombay, who arrived here on 12/23/2000.



I and Neeru well dresses seated at the Stage for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Chand Palace, Parsippany



First Neeru putting the garland around my neck.



Then the priest reads the wedding's 7 vows to us

The priest was our dear friend Sri Ram Bihari Misra, who made up new 'current' and humorous vows, one of the vows being 'I promise to collect and put garbage for the garbage outside for the garbage collector' ---a vow by me.

Then there several funny speeches roasting me. One of them I remember distinctly was a funny speech by my good friend Mr B M Agrawal

The most interesting thing as a funny 'Skit' by our family describing our daily interaction.



Bhaiya ji and Bhabhi ji in the audience



Raghunath bhaiya, Prem Bhabhi, Nand Todi and Bhabhi ji (Shashi Todi, only back Seen) in the audience.



Saurabh and Sanjay with Mom



Sheela, Surendra, Mahesh baboo in the audience



Kids (Saurabh, Sameer, Angie, and Amrita) in the audience



Mahesh Baboo, Sunil Tekriwal, Amit Khetawat (Pallavi's Husband) in audience



Suman Bagadia in the audience



Vijaya and Mr Anand Bansal, Rashmi, and Pradeep Jalan in the audience



Charu Rohatgi in the audience



Neeru and Raghunath bhaiya and the gifts from the party

My boss Bruce Diamond was also invited to the party and attended it.



Mom/dad's inventory Gifts



SK/Neeru 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary photos



SK/Neeru's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party

After the party was over, we all came home and celebrated Christmas. We do not have any Christmas tree, gifts, or decoration photos but all the kids had fun.



Christmas 2000 All kids have fun, Amit, and Naveen, Niket, Alka, Sameer, Sudhir, Anju, Nimish, Sanjay, Anju and Saurabh



Saurabh, Sameer, Sanjay, and Nimish



Nimish, Alka, Nisha, Anju, and Saurabh



Amit, Alka, Niket, Sanjay and Nimis

Lastly, we went to Florida, Daytona beach but it was a disaster. First all of us went there by separate flights. We were us, Raghunath Bhaiyya's family, Bhaiyya ji/ Bhabhi, Todi family, and Naval family. All went there by similar tickets. We all had to change our flights somewhere in North Carolinas. it so happened that our flight from North Carolina had some engine trouble. So, the flight was delayed, and we need to be rescheduled. They told us that the

next flight will be in 20 minute later, but we had to move our luggage.



Saurabh handling the luggage at the N Carolina Airport (again and again—4-5 times until the flight got rescheduled for next day)

our flights got rescheduled for the next day, and we got a voucher for a room.

Our flight got to Daytona Beach. But the weather at the beach was awful. It was raining all the time. Once some sun came up, we took pictures of the beach.



On the beach Saurabh, Sanjay with Nimish, Sameer, Niket and Sudhir

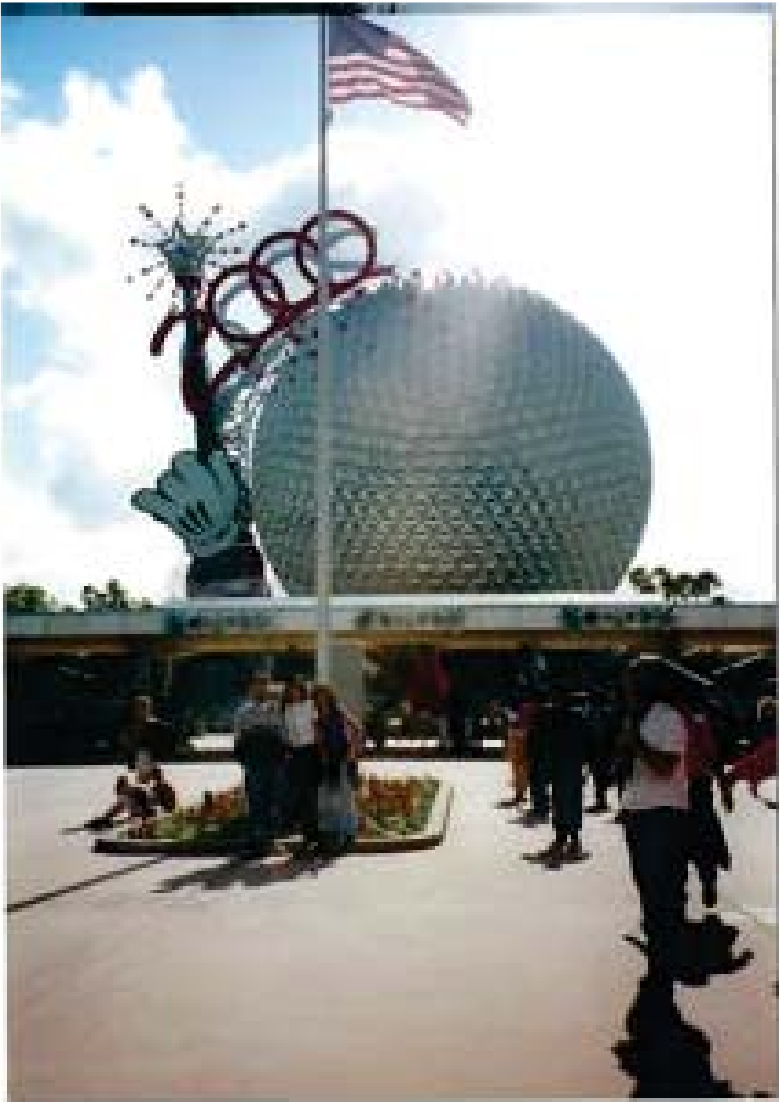


On the beach, Neeru, Prem Bhabhi, Raghunath Bhaiyya, Bina and Naval



Prem Bhabhi in Front of our hotel

We were all indoors. The weather was very drizzly. Bhaiyya ji wanted to go to Disneyworld which was by car 3 hours away. No body was ready for it. Finally, Raghunath bhaiya took Bhaiyya ji there. In Disneyworld they were able to take a picture of Epcot centre.



Epcot Center Disneyworld

This is the way 2000 ended.

## 2001

first thing was that Banwari Bhaiyya and Bimla Bhabhi left NJ for Bombay on 1/8/2001.

We were the same as before, Me, Mom, Saurabh, Sameer and Sudhir in Martinsville, Sanjay in U of Mich.; Bhabhi, Raghunath bhaiya and Anju at Troy. Alka at Stanford (MBA) and Amit at Berkely for PhD

On January 24 Prem Bhabhi went to India to attend the marriage of her brother Lalit's son

Suddenly I came across a golden opportunity. A company was starting in my neighbourhood that needed a Vice President of Manufacturing. It was NANOOPTO. I jumped at this opportunity and accepted the job on April 25, 2000 only (starting with June p 2001)

I resigned my Anadigics job

On February 1, Sudhir's 4 upper teeth were removed.

Our real 25th wedding anniversary was on February 9, we had already celebrated it, on February 9th we quietly did it at home.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April Pallavi and Amit wed in India. Neeru was in India from March 31 to April 25. But I was absent.



Neeru applying Tilak to Pallavi's head.



Pallavi before marriage



Mother and two daughters...Pratima, their mom, and Neeru



Neeru's mom giving some gift to Neeru.



Neeru with mom



Neeru and Ma



Neeru applying tilak to the Dulha Amit



Neeru's Father Sri Sitaram ji Tekriwal applying tilak to Amit.



Pallavi applying Varmala to Amit



The Newlyweds: Amit and Pallavi Khetawat



Both Bhuaji's with the Newlyweds.... Neeru and Pratima



Khetawat ji greets Baboo ji as Neeru, Asha and Ma watch.

On May 13 Manish's wedding with Anupam (Hisaria) was scheduled. So, we started gathering for that. We (SK, Sanjay, Alka and Amit) came to Bombay on 5/5/2001. Raghunath Bhaiya, Prem Bhabhi, and Anju stayed in Troy, Michigan and so did Neeru with the other kids in Martinsville, NJ



I and Shanti



Alka, Gopal and I



Deepak, Alka and Sanjay



Gathering in Bombay before Manish's wedding Alka, Aditya, Shital and Neha  
Back line Manish, Amit, Prashant, and Sanjay



I and Manish displaying our dance techniques at the dance club.  
The main Geet party was organised by Shital.



**Manish and Anu's wedding part 1**



**Manish and Anu's wedding---Antyakhshari**



**Manish and Anu's Sangeet**

**GEET PARTY :MAY.12<sup>th</sup>.2001**

- 1) Ganesh Vandana → By Neha Banka.

- 2) Parody Song → By Shraddha/Radhika/Ridhima.  
[ Pairo mein badhan hai.

Chudi bhi zid pe aaye hai

Navlakhawala haar

Mare hiwade mein naache maur ]

- 3)Madhu & Sanjiv → Pyar ke geet [ **ayeo re ayeo re**]

- 4)Prachi → Mehboob mere. [ **Manish's In-laws**]

- 5)Mukti → Mere Chudi bano lakho ki [ **Manish's In-laws**]

- 6)Vatsal Tamakhuwala → one 2ka four.

- 7)Dhavni → piya piya

- 8)Neha Chaudhary → Bhoomro bhoomro.

- 9)Dholi Taro dhol baje → Shraddha & Radhika.

- 10)Prachi → Mehndi hai rachnewali [ **A'dabad**]

- 11) Generation Gap → Mr&Mrs. Jahalani & Madhu

- 12)Parivar song → Agarwal Family

- 13)Samdhi → Quali

- 14)Bhaurani → Mrs.Jahlani/Mrs.Banka/Madhu/Manjri chachi

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Pg:2

15) Mayia yashoda → Anupam

16)Aye Aye Bahumere→ Madhu

17)Couples (3) -→ Hum saath saath hai

**18)Skit → USA Guests**

19) Punit → Hogaye hu bale bale **[Daler mehndi]**

I had prepared a funny skit named “SAMOSA” at N.Y. During Manish’s Sangeet ceremony we played it



Skit “SAMOSA” Performed in the sangeet Ceremony by Me (the crazy director in a funny dress), Prashant, Alka and Sanjay



Manish's Sangeet program, I as the mad director of the skit



Manish Anju wedding 1



Manish Anu wedding Antyakshari



Manish Anu Wedding Samosa Skit



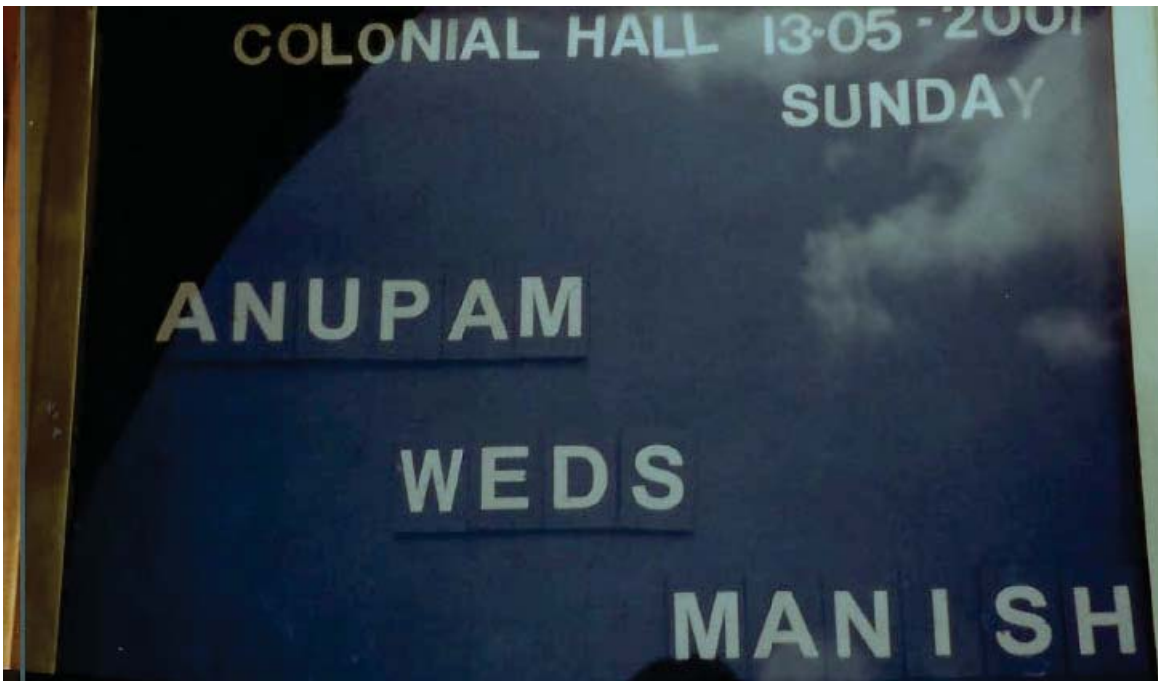
Bhaiyya ji applying 'ubtan' on Manish



Manish finished with 'Haldi' Ceremony



Manish and Anupam playing "Jua".  
The marriage day came.



The wedding Day

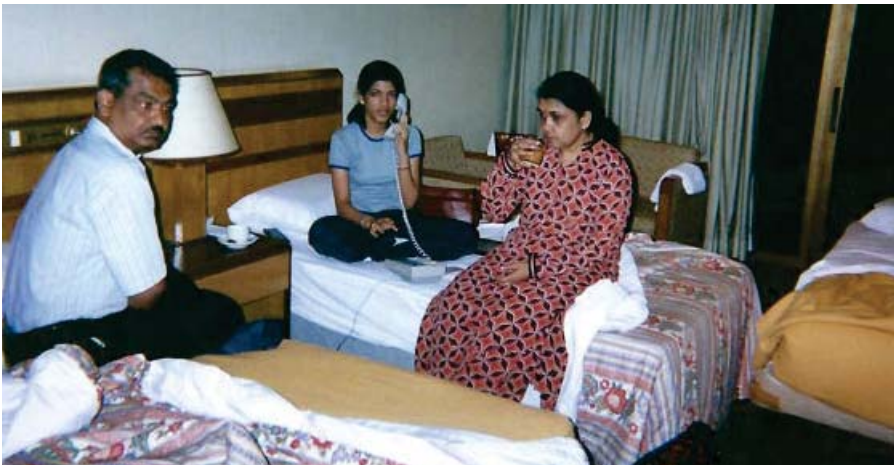


Manish and Anu in the marriage Mandap



Manish and Anju married.

The marriage was over. I came over to Calcutta to pick up newly married Pallavi and her parents to USA. We first flew to Singapore.



Sajan, Pallavi, and Gora in Singapore



The famous Singapore “Lion”



In Singapore I, Pallavi, Gora Bhabhi and Sajan Bhaiyya



Singapore tourist bus, Sajan Bhaiyya, Gora Bhabhi, and I

Then we came on Air to New York. The bringing of Pallavi by air turned out to be quite a difficult task, as she threw out as soon as she was on the plane. But sooner or later we brought her here in USA.

In the meanwhile, Sanjay stayed back and the toured Bangalore by themselves.



Sanjay and Smita



Sanjay, Smita, Neha and Sharda Dining out

In the meanwhile, I joined the NANOOPTO on June 9, a Firm starting up which had the aspiration to become pioneers in the field of revolutionizing the field.

Amit khetan had joined a government job in Baltimore, MD on May 31

My very dear chachaji, Sri Krishna Kumar Shroff (Gobind Chacha ji's younger brother) expired.

In friends circle Mona Mahal's Graduation occurred this year.

Rajni Bhakta's Araneri occurred.

Kapil Raina's wedding and Meena Dalal's son's weddings occurred.

Anju's graduation (3/27), Alka's Graduation (6/17), Saurabh's graduation (July 7) and Nisha's Graduation (6/9) happened this year.

Sameer, Sudhir, and Saurabh went to Bot Scouts of America National Jamboree July 23-28 this year.



Washington dc with whole family and Gora and Sajan



Netarhat people got together at my home.

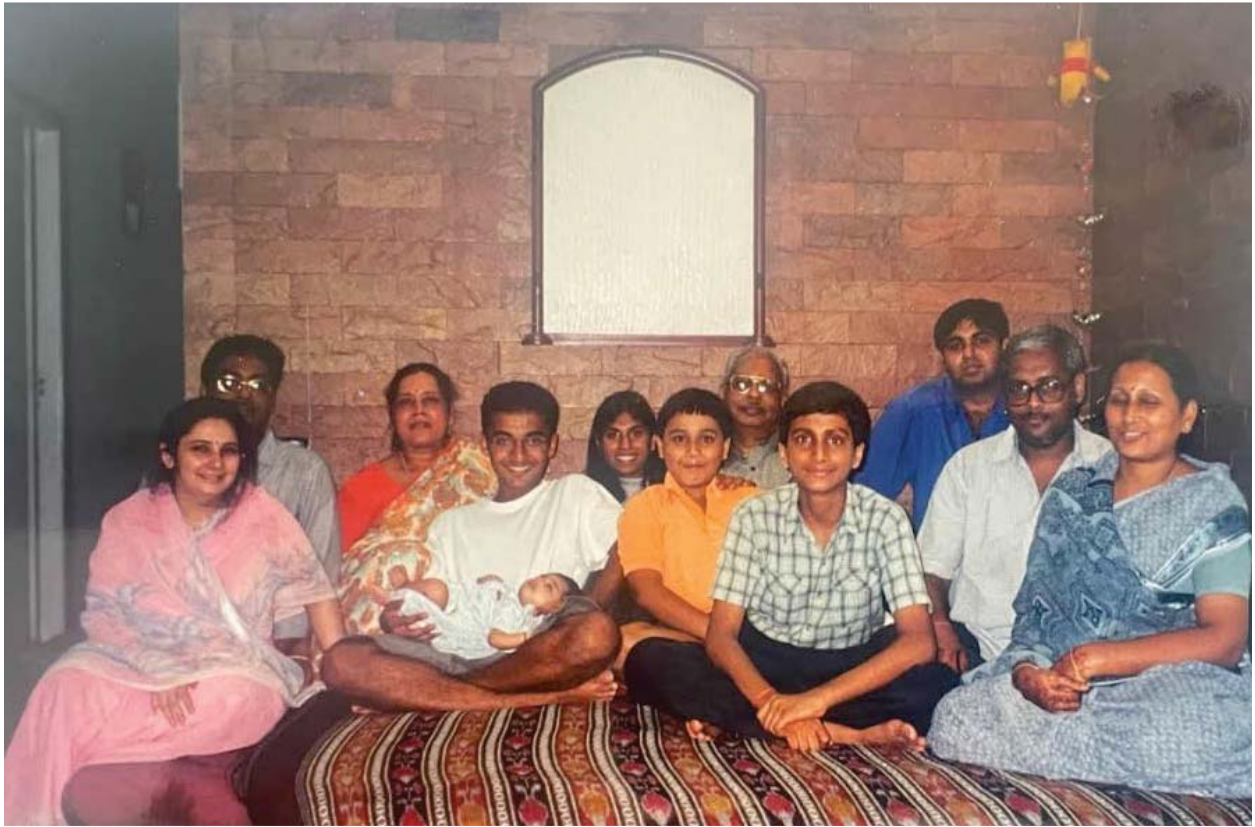
Mr Krishna Swarup Prasad, our Netarhat teacher came to visit us, and we took them to show Statue of Liberty, World Trade Center and took them on a New York tour in the Evening tourist trolley. We came back to our home and realized that I had no keys to our home. So, at nighttime I had to call a locksmith who made new keys for me for \$200

On 6/15 Shital gave birth to her first child, Divya. Her photograph is here.

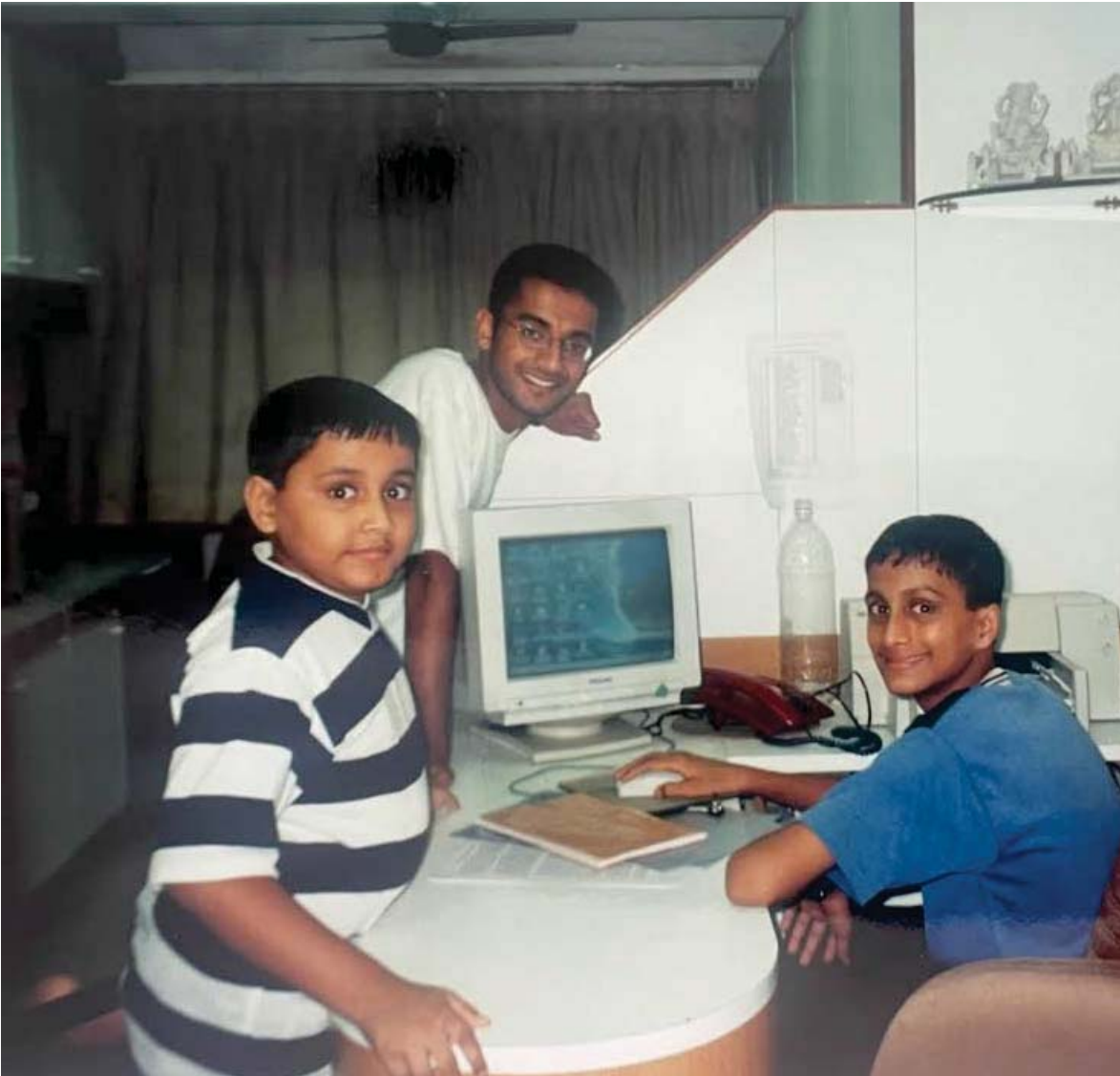


Divya on birth

On 7/16 to 8/21 Saurabh and Anju took a trip to India. Their stay in India covered Mumbai (Matheran, Khandala with bhaiya ji), Chennai. (stayed with Anju's Maudi Mrs Bhalotiya), Bangalore with Deepak, Goa with Bhaiya ji, Delhi, and Agra (with Prashant Tekriwal and my friend Vinay Aditya), Taj Mahal, Calcutta (go to Darjeeling), to Mumbai to fly back to Newark.



Shital, Saurabh (with Divya in his lap), Siddharth, Aditya, Gopal and Manjari front row  
Prashant, Bimala Bhabhi ji, Anju, Bhaiya ji and Manish in rear row



Saurabh with Siddhu and Aditya in Bombay



Saurabh with Bhavani Nani ji and Swargiya Sri Badri Prasad Tekriwal (Nana ji) in Bangalore



Gaura Mami ji, Saurabh, Sajan mama in front and

Nana ji, Gaurav, Nani ji, unk, Pratima Masi ji, Vivek on Sofa in Calcutta

On 9/11/2001 Islamic terrorists from AL-QAEDA group put a historic attack on the United States, These were four coordinated suicide terrorist attacks carried out by the militant Islamist extremist network. Al-Qaeda . There were 19 attackers, led by Mohammad Atta . These were the members of Al-Qaeda, the terroristic Islamic group led by Osama Bin Laden

Total killed people were 2977 people from 93 nations.

The attacks were carried out by 4 planes hijacked from various locations.

Two of the planes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City. Within a few hours, both of the twin towers collapsed into rubble, demolishing a large section of lower Manhattan.

A third plane hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C.

The passengers and crew of the fourth plane fought back, and the plane was downed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It was intended to fly into the Whitehouse, Washington

On 10/9 to 10-10 Alok Agrawal visited us in our home

On Dec 6 Prakash Boobna married to Shital



Shital and Prakash in the wedding mandap



Shital and Prakash as married couple

This year Rakhi we celebrated with Raghunath Khetan and Mahesh Tekriwal

Then we went on Caribbean Cruise with Bhabhi ji, Navals, and Kellas, we celebrated Christmas on the cruise,



Pushpa Kella, Kishan Kella, I and Neeru on the Caribbean cruise



Raghunath Bhaiyya, I and Kishan Kella on the cruise



The whole group of cruiser on the ground with the Cruise ship anchored behind us.



Neeru, Bina, Prem Bhabhi, Pushpa, and I Sitting in the sofa.



Kishan Kella, Naval, on top. Niket, Nimesh, Pushpa, Prem Bhabhi, and Bina in the middle; Neeru and I in front while giving pose on a hilly area on the cruise stop.

One thing was an utmost thing. During Cruise sailing Nimesh who was 4-5 years old would suddenly disappear, and it took us 15 minutes to find. "I simply got lost" was Nimesh's innocent reply. This happened 4-5 times in the cruise.



I and Neeru at a stop by the Cruise Ship



Sudhir, Samir, Sima (Kella), Kapil (Kella), Amit, Sanjay and Naval

The Cruise ran a Blackjack tournament on its casino. It had two tournaments. It so happened that I won both the tournaments. It was the first in Cruise's history that the same person won both the tournament.



I proudly display one of my Blackjack tournaments Trophy.



Caribbean Cruise 2001-#24

So, **2002** started.

2002 was a deadly year for job hunting. Sanjay who had finished his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, had won five job offers but all of them rescinded. So, he reluctantly pursued master's in industrial engineering from there. Saurabh finished his High School and enrolled his name in Mechanical Engineering, Sudhir and Sameer were still in high school.

Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi still lived in Troy home but empty nested. Alka completed her MBA from Stanford and joined Mind Spring in San Francisco briefly, before joining The GAP in San Francisco. Amit doing PhD at Berkely and Anju at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

At Nanoopto , I was V.P. of manufacturing and weekly we had to prepare a report on operations

**I stayed at Nanoopto until May 24**

**And then I prepared the resume**



**SK's resume papers**

Then involved in Boy Scouts and heavy involvement at VERT.

Our IITK friend Choocha (Anil Agrawal) expired in January.

LIFE STORY, PART 3

Manish was in Bangalore and Prashant and Bhaiyya ji still in Bombay.

On 2/25 Sushil Baboo had a heart problem and which got well without an open-heart surgery.

Twins went to Washington DC to participate in a 5-day conference on Diplomacy.

Saurabh took mom to Pallavi/Amit in 3/5 to 3/20



Mom and Saurabh in San Francisco



Saurabh, Pallavi, Mom, and Amit at Pallavi's apartment



Amit Kataruka, Pallavi, Mom, Amit Khetan, and Saurabh in Pallavi's apartment



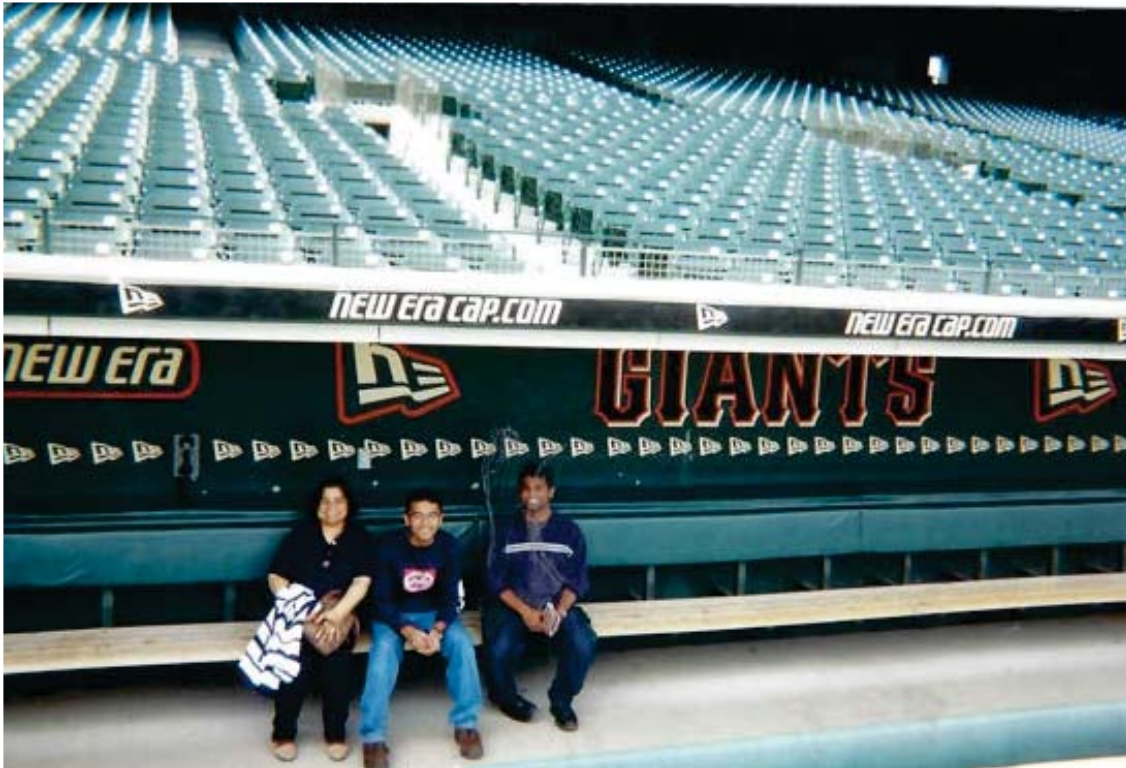
Pallavi, Saurabh, and Mom by The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco



Mom by the Seaside



Mom and Amit by seaside



Mom Saurabh and Amit in San Francisco Giants Stadium (The New Era stadium)

Alka went to Costa Rica in March

In April 2002, my one-time Advisor towards My Ph D, Dr Bob Cess expired. They had a daylong seminar organised and an evening dinner for him at port Jefferson NY. I was invited to the program, But I could not go.

On June 1, the Pennsylvania temple's Ground-breaking ceremony took place.



Sheo performing the have a ceremony as Neeru, and Shashi Bhabhi watch.... The Philadelphia enquirer story June 2, 2002

On 6/17-7/25 Prashant came to our home for a business trip. I took him to Prem Gupta and there met his friend Anil Garg, who used to be in the same business line (clothing business) from India to USA

On July 7 and 8. The three Tekriwal Chachas visited Mahesh Baboo. We met them there. We met Shibu Chacha, Raju Chacha, and Bijay Chacha there.

I was very much involved in next stop in my career and met my classmate Mr Ram Avtar Sharma

Sanjay finished M Tech from University of Michigan, Industrial Engineering



Sanjay had his M. Tech in Industrial Engineering and got a job at Caterpillar in Peoria Illinois.

There we all went to move him. We had all Driven Sanjay in 2 cars and reached Peoria. At first we stayed over with Sammer Bannerjee, a fellow alumni from IITK and Poornima Bannerjee and stayed over at their House. Sameer was also employed over in the same company as Sanjay, as the quality control manager. From his home we drove to Sanjay's just acquired apartment. We set up the apartment and Mom made enough food for 2-3 days. Thus, Sanjay happily settled we left him in his car and drove back to home. On way back home, our top from the car fell off, but no injury occurred. we came back on the Highway, retrieved our fallen stuff, and then homed back.

Dr Basant Tiwari passed away on December 13, due to a cancer in his mouth.

Rakhi, we had with Bagadia and Mahesh Tekriwal at Sanjeev's home.



Mom Tying Rakhi to Sanjiv and Sonal in Sonal's Apartment



Mom ties Rakhi to Surinder Bagadia



Amrita with Saurabh

Thus passed 2002.

**2003** started.

I was at Martinsville, and Bhaiya at Troy.... both empty nested

Sanjay worked at Caterpillar in Peoria, then moved to A T Kearny at New York

Saurabh continued at NJIT Mechanical Engineering

Sameer joined University of Pennsylvania, Wharton, and Sudhir joined John Hopkins university in Baltimore.

Alka stayed at GAP in San Francisco, Amit finished his PhD at Berkeley and did his post-Doctoral work at University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Anju continued at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

I became the Indian Association of Somerset County's President for 3 years. This association, apart from Spring Festival also did Annual Picnic and Garba and Diwali nights. In 2003 its members who participated in the Spring Festival and their families went to 1100 members. In Spring festival. The members and their sons and daughters participated in 18 programs for entertainment of all members. As a President I wrote the IASC's Organization History in the IASC's annual booklet



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## President's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of the Indian Association of Somerset County to our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival. This is our continually growing annual showcase event, and this year it is the biggest ever with more than 225 participants.

This has been possible due to enthusiastic support from a lot of people, including the participants, their families, our very talented and dedicated volunteer Item Coordinators, and the IASC Spring Festival Program Coordinators. They have put in a lot of hard work to put this program together. We are very thankful to all of them in helping us realize our major goal of promoting our culture and teaching our children about their heritage.

We also thank all our financial supporters, without whose sponsorship the program would not be possible. This year we are especially fortunate in this regard- we have many supporters who have helped us by advertising in our brochure. In addition, we have 5 Grand Sponsors and 5 Silver Sponsors. We are very, very thankful to them for their generous support.

IASC is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. All of our volunteers, including IASC Executive Committee members, the Board of Trustees, the Brochure Committee, and all the volunteers who help with our major events deserve our deep gratitude.

Another thought I would like to share with all our friends is that of our continual growth and the challenges it poses. This is our sixteenth year of operation, and we have come a long way. The attendance at our functions has been increasing. It is getting more and more difficult to organize these events without additional help, as we now are starting to run out of space for our programs.

We need to look at our growth trend seriously and carefully plan our future. Other growing communities have solved the problem of space by having their own community centers. I would like to invite all members having expertise or passion in this field to come forward and help us with this issue.

There are many other ways to get more involved....

If you are not a member, please become a member. If you are a member, think about getting more involved. We hold our executive Committee meetings every month. It is open to all members. We would love to have more people attend them and help us actively organize IASC activities. People can also help by becoming members of event subcommittees.

In closing, I once again thank all our supporters and appeal to all to get more involved.

Sincerely,

## Indian Association of Somerset County Tracing the history and growth

This is Indian Association of Somerset County's sixteenth annual Spring festival.  
It all started in the fall of 1987!

Three families in Bridgewater area ..the Modys (Hema and Harshad), the Parikhs (Deepika and Kirit) and the Thakkars (Rita and Harsh) decided to do something special for Diwali, something other than a get together at some one's place, something involving the growing Indian community around them. The idea of an Indian Association was thus conceived.

The idea got a concrete start as the three families organized a Christmas Party at the V.F.W. Hall in Kendall Park. The party was a roaring success. The idea of an local association for the growing Indian community got a very enthusiastic support. Many families expressed willingness to join and help.

More meetings followed at the Parikhs and two more families...the Parmars (Dhunj and Pratap) and the Saxenas (Manju and Ashok) joined the effort of giving this idea a shape. Finally, in the spring of 1988, the "Indian Association of Somerset County" was founded in a meeting at the Parmar residence. Soon, a working committee was nominated, with Dr. Kishore Jobanputra being appointed as the first President of IASC. Later that year, a formal executive committee was elected, Initial Bye-Laws were created and IASC achieved its formal "not-for-profit" status. In 1999 the first Board of Trustees was installed.

A set of tables on the next page shows the people who have volunteered to become IASC's executive committee members and officers or a trustee over the years. One of the hallmarks of the IASC spirit is that even though the committee has been changing every year through democratically held elections, we still get excellent participation and support from our earlier leaders. In addition, our success and growth has been possible due to help from countless volunteers and sponsors...a list too large to fit in here. .

IASC has been growing very fast . One of the prime example of that is the size of participation in our annual spring festival. From a modest level of about 50-60 in earlier years, the attendance at the spring festival has grown to more than 1100 in the past few years. The number of participants has exceeded 220. IASC finds that it is running out of a choice of venues to hold our functions.

Certainly, plans to handle the continued growth has to take priority. Over the next few months, we will bring out our long term plans to you. Please be prepared to support our efforts whole heartedly.

IASC SPRING FESTIVAL 2003

## IASC Organization History

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
<b>Trustee</b>	Sharan Mahal	Sharan Mahal	Sharan Mahal	Sharan Mahal	Pratima Manglick	Subhash Amin	Subhash Amin	Subhash Amin
<b>Trustee</b>	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas
<b>Trustee</b>	Kiran Kothari	Maharaj Raina	Maharaj Raina	Maharaj Raina	Kishor Jobanputra	Kishor Jobanputra	Kishor Jobanputra	Mahesh Trivedi
<b>President</b>	Sheo Khetan	Kiran Kothari	Kiran Kothari	Kiran Kothari	Subhash Shah	Subhash Shah	Maharaj Raina	Maharaj Raina
<b>Vice President</b>	Haresh Patel	Pratima Manglick	Pratima Manglick	Pratima Manglick	Kiran Kothari	Pratima Manglick	Subhash Shah	Subhash Shah
<b>Secretary</b>	Anjali Shah	Haresh Patel	Haresh Patel	Haresh Patel	Haresh Patel	Meena Dalal	Pratima Manglick	Pratima Manglick
<b>Treasurer</b>	Utkarsha Desai	Sheo Khetan	Sheo Khetan	Sheo Khetan	Sheo Khetan	Sheo Khetan	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Bimal Doshi	Anjali Shah	Shallesh Kadakia	Mukesh Gandhi	Mukesh Gandhi	Kiran Kothari	Meena Dalal	Meena Dalal
<b>Joint Treasurer</b>	Rakesh Jindal	Utkarsha Desai	Utkarsha Desai	Utkarsha Desai	Utkarsha Desai	Hasu Bhakta	Kiran Kothari	Kiran Kothari
<b>Exec. Comm. Mem.</b>	Anita Singh	Shallesh Kadakia	Anjali Shah	Anjali Shah	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Hasu Bhakta	Hasu Bhakta
<b>Exec. Comm. Mem.</b>	Ashish Gerla	Dilip Chokshi	Dilip Chokshi	Dilip Chokshi	Dilip Chokshi	Utkarsha Desai	Sheo Khetan	Sheo Khetan
<b>Exec. Comm. Mem.</b>	Sharda Shah	Rakesh Jindal	Rakesh Jindal	Rakesh Jindal	Rakesh Jindal		Manju Saxena	Manju Saxena

	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1988
<b>Trustee</b>	A Raj Kumar	A Raj Kumar	A Raj Kumar	A Raj Kumar	Deepika Parikh	Deepika Parikh	Deepika Parikh	Post July: Formal	Pre July: Ad Hoc
<b>Trustee</b>	Harshad Vyas	Deepika Parikh	Deepika Parikh	Deepika Parikh	Kishor Jobanputra	Kishor Jobanputra	Kishor Jobanputra	Bye-Laws being	Informal, appointed
<b>Trustee</b>	Mahesh Trivedi	Mahesh Trivedi	Mahesh Trivedi	Mahesh Trivedi	Harsh Thakkar	Harsh Thakkar	Harsh Thakkar	formed	committee
<b>President</b>	Manju Saxena	Manju Saxena	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Kirit Parikh	Kishor Jobanputra
<b>Vice President</b>	Maharaj Raina	Maharaj Raina	Manju Saxena	Manju Saxena	Manju Saxena	Manju Saxena	Arun Raj Kumar	Arun Raj Kumar	Shiv Samwal
<b>Secretary</b>	Ramesh Kumar	Ramesh Kumar	Sangeeta Chandra	Sangeeta Chandra	Sangeeta Chandra	Padam Maheshwari	Padam Maheshwari	Padam Maheshwari	Kirit Parikh
<b>Treasurer</b>	Subhash Shah	Subhash Shah	Subhash Amin	Subhash Amin	S Amin	Arun Kumar	Dhun Parmar	Dhun Parmar	Dhun Parmar
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Meena Dalal	Meena Dalal	Maharaj Raina	Maharaj Raina	Ashok Marwah	Smita Shiromani	Mahesh Varia	Manju Saxena	Hema Modi
<b>Joint Treasurer</b>	Kiran Kothari	Alka Dalal	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas	Harshad Vyas	Arun Kumar
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<b>Exec. Comm. Mem.</b>							Jay Kochar	Jay Kochar	Suman Virmani
<b>Exec. Comm. Mem.</b>									Veenu Mathur

IASC SPRING FESTIVAL 2003



India Association 2003

On January 17-21, I had the Pan IIT conference in California, which included Bill Gates as a speaker. I took Sanjay and Alka with me to listen to Bill Gates speech. We saw Pallavi in San Francisco. After the conference I found time to visit Ravindra Goel (ex Anadigics employee), Anup Swarup (Chacha from IITK) and Mahendra and Mukta

Agarwal.

On 2/23/2003. both sameer and Samir got their Eagle Scouts in a ceremony attached by our scout group. In this ceremony not only did they got a Badge, but they also got a badge for their mother as the mother of the scout.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 46  
MARTINSVILLE, NJ  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2003**

**EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR**

**SUDHIR K KHETAN  
and  
SAMEER K KHETAN**

CALL TO ORDER  
and  
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

**SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW**  
Troy Shandor, *Senior Patrol Leader*

**INVOCATION**  
Mr. Jeff Chesebro, *Chaplain*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
Mr. Al Ozolins  
*Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**"ONE HUNDRED SCOUTS"**  
Mr. Glenn Wertheim  
*Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**TRAIL TO EAGLE**  
Rick Harmon  
*Scoutmaster Emeritus*

SCOUT Tommy Kimsey  
TENDERFOOT T L Kushner  
SECOND CLASS Brian Cheseboro  
FIRST CLASS Matt Klein  
STAR Billy Lawler  
LIFE Eric Charles

**"VOICE OF THE EAGLE"**  
Sanjay Khetan, *Eagle Scout*

**EAGLE OBLIGATIONS**  
Brad Wertheim, Ryan Shandor, John Simmons, *Eagle Scouts*

**INTRODUCTION OF EAGLE CANDIDATE SUDHIR KHETAN**  
Mr. Al Ozolins, *Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**INTRODUCTION OF EAGLE CANDIDATE SAMEER KHETAN**  
Mr. Al Ozolins, *Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**GUEST SPEAKER for SAMEER AND SUDHIR KHETAN**  
Mr. Paul Kloberg, *BRHS Science Teacher*

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Mrs. Elaine Chesebro  
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Brad Wertheim and Sanjay Khetan, *Eagle Scouts*

**PRESENTATION OF EAGLE AWARD**  
Dr. Bob Simmons, *Former Scoutmaster*  
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**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES  
AND LETTERS**  
Mr. Glenn Wertheim  
*Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**BENEDICTION**  
Mr. Jeff Chesebro, *Chaplain*

**CLOSING CEREMONY**  
Troy Shandor and Color Guard

- Reception and Refreshments -

# Troop 46



**Martinsville, New Jersey  
February 23, 2003**

**TRAIL TO EAGLE**

Sameer K. Khetan

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Born: February 21, 1985

Scout.....March 1996  
Tenderfoot.....October 1996  
Second Class.....May 1997  
First Class.....February 1998  
Star.....October 1998  
Life.....January 2000  
Eagle.....September 2002

Scouting Activities:

Troop Bugler, Troop Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Totem Trail, Camp Read 1996-1997, Philmont Hike Summer 2000

**TRAIL TO EAGLE**

Sudhir K. Khetan

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Born: February 21, 1985

Scout.....March 1996  
Tenderfoot.....October 1996  
Second Class.....May 1997  
First Class.....March 1998  
Star.....July 1998  
Life.....January 2000  
Eagle.....January 2003

Scouting Activities:

Troop Scribe, Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow, Totem Trail, Spring Camporee, Camp Read 1996, 1997, Philmont Hike Summer 2000.



Sameer getting his Boy Scouts of America's Eagle badge from the scoutmaster Mr. Bob Simmons



Sudhir taking oath at boy scouts Eagle Ceremony as I, Mom, Saurabh, and Sudhir watch.



Sudhir pinning the Scout Eagle's Batch on Mom, as I watch.



Sameer and Mom at their Eagle Scout Ceremony Day

On 3/15 to 3/18 We were all invited to Detroit (Troy) for ICAE (Indus Center for Academic Excellence) Annual banquet. It was the centre started by me brother Dr Raghunath Khetan to take students and teach them Mathematics, Sciences etc on a non-school time. There were almost 400 students in it. The centre's members had won many awards all over the USA. It was recognised in the whole USA as an institute of excellence. The members every year have participated in Olympiads and had won many Trophies there.

Sanjay was at Caterpillar; Peoria and we drove to his place on 4/17/2003. We were glad to see Sanjay work comfortably in Peoria Illinois.

I was involved in a group called SCAAHMCC (Somerset County Asian-American heritage Month Celebration

Committee) a organisation started by our local Bridgewater Councilman Mr Michael Huang.

May was declared as a heritage month for all of Asia by congress, under President George Bush. As such we were celebrating it on May 31 with a combined cultural program (Indian, Chinese, Thai, Sri Lankan, Korean etc). The celebration also included Indian cultural displays, Sikh turban tying, Chinese paper cutting, Origami, Chinese culture display, Indian Henna, Muslim Displays and Nepalese Cultural display.

The various cultural displays were topped by very authentic food stalls like Indian, Chinese, Korean etc.

In the evening the festival was completed by a grand dinner by one of the authentic (mostly Indian) Asian dinner.

We took Sameer and Sudhir to this program where they acted as emcee. I also wore a turban by the Sikh Volunteers



Sameer and Sudhir as the Emcee in SCAAMHCC'S Function, with mom and I with turban (Sikh Volunteers)



I with a Turban; courtesy Sikh Association



Mom and I (with TURBAN) at the SCAAHMCC'S function

The ticket we sold is shown below.

## 2003 Somerset County Asian-American Heritage Month Celebration



**Date:** Saturday, May 31, 2003  
**Location:** Raritan Valley Community College  
(Advanced Technology Communication Center)  
Route 28 & Lamington Road  
North Branch, NJ 08876  
**Time:** 5:00 - Activity/Exhibit/Display  
5:30 - Registration  
6:00 - Dinner  
7:30 - Cultural performances

**Ticket price: \$25**

**Directions:** See maps on page 10  
**Parking:** Please follow directions on page 10

Somerset County Asian-American Heritage Month Celebration Committee

On June 21 Both the twins graduated from high school. We threw a graduation party for the at an Indian restaurant in Somerville N.J.

Then soon my friend Robin Sen (IITK from my batch) visited me for Ajaj Jain's daughter Sonu's marriage. Sonu's marriage was done in a very nice way at Marriott.

Shiv Gupta's daughter Rajni graduated from MIT this year. We went to her party in Akbar restaurant here.

Sudhir Bhatnagar's son's wedding also happened in June also. We attended that wedding in Pennsylvania also.

July 3, Nisha Singh's engagement took place in Chand Place. her marriage was completed in Marriott, Long Island. We came to that wedding.

In 2003 I was very much into gardening, with Tomato, Bell Pepper, Eggplant, Zucchini, and Indian Squash (Lauki). This year I had a lauki of record length.



Our record breaking Lauki



On July 9 to July 13, we and twins gone to Ocean City for beach.

On 7/16 to 8/21 twins went to India. They went to Bombay, Calcutta, and Bangalore. They also went to Sri Rajkumar Tekriwal and Vinay and thru them they toured Agra and Delhi also. They saw the Taj Mahal also Their itinerary is below. They went to Bombay from Newark on 7/17/2003 and stayed with him until 20<sup>th</sup> pf July. Then they spent two days with Gopal/Madhu. The left for Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> and met my friend Vinay and raju and Bijay Nana ji. With their help they visited toured Delhi and Agra and saw the Taj Mahal. On 26 they went to Calcutta and met Nanji, and family including Pratima Mausi and her sons Johnny and Pappu. They also spent some time with Shanti and Sharda Bhua ji. Then on 5<sup>th</sup>, they flew to Bangalore and met Manish, Deepak and Badri Nana ji. On 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> they visited Goa and Came back to Bhaiya Ji in Bombay and visited Mahabaleshwar they flew back to Newark on 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

“All came back at 6 pm. They report to have enjoyed their trip thoroughly and took lots of rides.

Today we shall be going to Malsej ghat, Bheema Shankar and Lona Wala and shall be back tomorrow night. This is Shrawan month and there is great importance of Shiv Pooja. Fortunately, we shall be able to worship Lord Shiv tomorrow at Bheema Shankar- one of the 12 Jyotirlinga.

We have made all arrangements nicely and hopefully all should enjoy ourselves well. We have hired 8- seater Sumo for 4 of us and 4 Jhalani's. We have booked 2 cottages in the best hotel there- Flamingo Hotel. We are taking lots of breakfast with us as lunch/dinner etc. is included in the hotel tariff.

Rest is okay.”

Bhaiya ji e-mail on 8/11/03

8/1 to 8/3 We went to Seema Khan's wedding in Toronto. Seema married a Canadian

On 9/6, Sapna Bhagat was married to a doctor, her classmate, Kevin in Medical school. He learned an Indian Song and rendered it for Sapna's ears, it was so nice. On 9/3 her sangeet was done at Akbar. At there I arranged for Dr Anil Maheshwari (a son of my friend Dhanraj Maheshwari) who was a doctor but acted as a comedian. Her wedding was Marriott at crystal City, Arlington, Virginnia Near Washington DC. Anil Maheshwari in his comic performance is shown here.

<https://youtu.be/W3AcmB6kAcw>

On September 12, Sanjay joined A T Kearny in NY. He left CATTRPILLAR in August. In between he went to Madrid as a vacation.

At that time Prashant tekriwal moved to Chicago to work for Deloitte

On 9/26 Neeru's Dadaji, Sri Beni Prasad Tekriwal died of old age in India.



Swargiya Sri Beni Prasad Tekriwal

On 8/28 Simran was born to Neelam Todi



Simaran Shah

Then we went on a grand trip to India from 29 September to November 5

On September 29 our grand tour of India started

On October 1, we just went for shopping and a movie

On October 2, we visited in Bombay, Neeru's Chacha Sri Shibu Kumar Tekriwal at their house.

On October 3 we went to the club for Dandiya/Ras with Gopal and October 4 we went with Gopal for dinner.

On October 5 and 6 we went to Gaushala, sightseeing and Play in the theatre only.

October 7 and 8, we went to Alibagh, a nicely maintained place outside Mumbai.

October 9 to 12, we were in Bangalore, Visiting Neeru's Chachaji Mr. Badriprasad Tekriwal

October 13, 14 we went to Ooty a small-town famous for a hill station in Tamil Nadu, also known as Ootacamund. It was developed by ancient British as an ideal place for summer and was famous for greenery and lake.

On October 15 we visited Mysore city for its famous Vrindavan gardens



Bhaiyya ji, Sheo, Bhabhi ji, and Neeru at Bombay



Divya was 2.5 years old, very innocent little thing. She was the First grandchild of us. She used to recite “lakdi ki kaathi, kanti pe ghora. Ghore ki dum pe jo maara hathoda----dun daba ke dauda dauda, dum dabke dauda” . Bhaiya ji liked this recitation very much.



Bhaiyya ji lifting Divya in the hands as we visit the local gaushala.



Bhabhi ji, Bhaiyya, Sheo and Neeru 1n Bombay



The four of us in Connor near the hill station Ooty in Tamil Nadu



The four of us on a boat ride in Tamil Nadu



Bhabhi ji, Neeru and Bhaiya ji in Ooty, Tamil Nadu



Bhabhi ji, and Neeru in front of a temple



I, and Neeru in a nice place in Ooty

On October 19 we reached Calcutta and left for Netarhat via Tata Nagar and Ranchi. We picked up Shanti and Shankar Baboo, for Netarhat.



In Tata Nagar, I met my best Friend at Netarhat Mr Nalin Ranjan

Route to Netarhat was very dangerous, because at that time Naxalites were very active. So first we reached Gumla and had a night stop there. In the morning the local Police officer (who was a fellow ex-Netarhat student) gave us a police vehicle with 4 active police personnel with open guns to drive behind our car.

We reached Netarhat safely that day.



In Netarhat Mrs Karn (Principles wife or as the call her “Pradhan Mataji). Neeru Shanti, Shankar Baboo, and Mr B K Karn (Pradhan ji) the principle.



The Netarhat school Motto, “Attadeeo Viharath’



I am addressing Netarhat students and teachers from the central mike.



I distributed the school prize to the winners of school tournament.



Students performing the Drama for me at the school.



Sheo Khetan's Netarhat trip

It was a very emotionally touching moment for us and my sister and Brother-in-law.

On October 22, we came to Calcutta. In Calcutta we celebrated Diwali.



Baboo ji lighting the Diya for Diwali



In Calcutta, Neeru, Her Ma, Her Dad and I on the sofa

From Calcutta we went to Brindavan, Agra, Delhi and returned to Bombay.

In Vrindavan we had stayed in a Kothi owned by Tekriwals. One thing I remember is that there were many monkeys in Brindavan, who were snatch way anything from your hands like your handbags.

From there, we went to Agra and had an excellent time at the Agra. THE TAJ MAHAL, the very impressive monument built by famous Mughal Emperor, Shah Jehan. It was a shining example of the love he had for his wife. We took a lot of pictures of the same.



I and Neeru sitting next to THE TAJ MAHAL



Neeru by the TAJ MAHAL



I by the TAJ MAHAL



We all by the TAJ MAHAL: Vivek, Sushil Bhaiyya, Baboo ji, Sajan Bhaiyya and Swati sitting in the front.

Asha Bhabhi, Neeru, I, Sushil Baboo, Pratima ang Gora Bhabhi standing in front of THE TAJ MAHAL



The Beautiful Trio...Pratima, Gora Bhabhi, and Neeru in Agra



We all in Delhi, I, Neeru, Gaura Bhabhi, Sajan Bhaiyya, Baboo ji, Ma, Pratima, Sushil Baboo, Asha, and Sushil Bhaiyya standing, and Vivek and Smita in front sitting.



In Delhi Jantar Mantar all of us



In Delhi we met my classmate Vinay Aditya who took us to Mr Indra Narayan Jha of Netarhat at his office to

meet him

Finally, we met Mr B N Pande, my close competitor in Netarhat.



B N Pande and I

From Delhi we went to Rajasthan (Jaipur). In Jaipur we got a hotel room and stayed there. Next morning we drove almost 30 miles to a “Chokhi Dhani” where the full day of celebration was there. There we got to ride over to elephants, Got the pictures in Rajasthani dress (my picture I have but Neeru’s picture We lost), we ate the ice balls with sweet like the ones I remember from Childhood. At the end we joined a

grand Marwari dinner, where the nice well Clad (in traditional Rajasthani costumes) servers served us Dal Bati Choorma. Their insisting us for have more food was the Marwari tradition. Overall, the visit to

Chokhi Dhani was a great reminder of good old Marwari Hospitality.

From there, next morning we went to Udaipur to Prakash Rajgarhia’s brother place. They welcomed

us and fed at their home, they put us in 7 stars hotel, in Maharaja hotel. That day they took us to

Nathdwara temple for darshan. The temple though good for the darshan of Sri Nath ji, was very disorganised. All the crowd control was absent. The whole place was elbow to elbow with other

devotees and there were a ½ hour wait for Darshan. It was a miracle that no incidence occurred.



We flew from Delhi to Mumbai and  
then on November 5, we flew back to Newark.

Lastly, we celebrated Christmas with Raghunath Bhaiyya, Naval and Sanjay's best friend from New York Deepa Shah

<http://bit.ly/3s8Q8uy>



So, this was 2003.

This is the first time Deepa had come to our New Jersey home for Christmas. It was celebrated with all khetans in New Jersey, all of Raghunath and Prem Bhabhi and their kids, Naval and Bina todi ang their kids. This is the first time Deepa met our families

## **Year 2004**

We were in Martinsville. Raghunath bhaiya and Prem Bhabhi lived in Troy, Michigan. Both were empty home syndrome.

Sanjay was working at A T Kearny, Saurabh finishing his BA at New Jersey of Technology, Sameer was pursuing his BBA at Wharton and Sudhir at Johns Hopkins

Alka was at GAP, Amit at university of Massachusetts, Amherst, doing post-doctoral work and Anju was at the university of Michigan.

I was heavily involved in setting up the business of PANSHRI, Paans made with Khajur and glucose, with two partners Mani Gupta and Prem Gupta.

I was also involved in other business setting up opportunities and actively seeking business opportunity with Bikaji trading (at that time a small company like HALDIRAM) in setting up their business in USA

I was also in talks with owners of Lal Quilla Basmati Rice, in setting up their business in whole USA.

I was also working to raise fund for computerization of my school with 100 used computers.

I was President of India Association of Somerset County. In this year we first published the COLORED pictures of cultural program participants



**RIND PUSH MAAL**

Front Row (L to R): Sameep Vakharia, Selina Govani, Millie Doshi, Kishan Shah, Rohan Desai  
Back Row: Eesha Sheth, Ankit Shah, Eshan Kaul, Akash Bagaria, Raj Bagaria, Raveena Samtani



**IT'S THE TIME TO DISCO**

**IT'S THE TIME TO DISCO: Neeharika Pendekanti.**  
Sitting (left to right): Vivek Mohan, Shaun Parimoo, Ritesh Pendekanti, Neel Mistry.  
Standing (left to right): Soham Patel, Sameer Jodav, Anirudh Arikavala, Kunal Verma, Aumber Sharma, and Pratik Chheda

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Akash Bagaria and Raj Bagaria were in "Rind Push Maal" dance.



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### President's Message

It is again my pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of the Indian Association of Somerset County to our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival. Our events continue to get bigger and better every year. This year, more than 200 children are performing sixteen different programs for your pleasure. The children as well as numerous adults have worked very hard to put the show together and we hope that you like it.

Programs of this nature are possible only because a lot of people donate their time and money generously. During the program we will be taking some time to show our appreciation to these folks. We hope you will join us in thanking these folks as we introduce them to you.

First of all I would like to thank all the folks who have helped make this program a success. This includes all the participants, their supportive families and the item coordinators. The item coordinators, who are volunteer parents, take a group of youngsters with raw talent and transform them into a finely coordinated ensemble. Looking at the final product, its hard to imagine where they started from. It is a tough job and we are very grateful to them.

Indian Association is proud of the fact that during its entire existence, it has never turned away any youngster, who wants to be a part of our program, irrespective of his or her prior experience. All we require is a willingness to participate and learn, as well as membership and compliance with schedules.

We also thank our volunteers, which includes the executive committee members, the board of trustees, the special volunteers, and other members, who help us by participating in a subcommittee or helping us throughout the year in our activities. Of course, the spouses and the other family members also deserve special thanks, because without their support and cooperation, it is not possible to get volunteer help.

Our Spring Festival Subcommittee, who has planned and managed today's program deserves special thanks. Our appreciation to our Brochure Committee also, which has overseen the publication of our fine souvenir.

Money is an essential ingredient for success of any program. We would like to thank all our sponsors and advertisers for their generous support. Please show your appreciation and support to them by patronizing their business.

This year, we are doing our function at this new venue. So I would like to thank Clifton School, Clifton Board of Education, Clifton Police and Fire Departments for their support. This place is a little far for us, but allows us to host our show in a nice, safe, well equipped and spacious facility. This brings me to my last thought that I would like to share with you.

Indians as a class are towards the upper end of the affluence scale in America. I challenge our community to pool our resources together and come up with an appropriate place of our own, which can help us host and promote all our cultural activities. Indian Association of Somerset County has started reviewing the process of getting a non-profit status. Once we achieve the non-profit status, we can provide the organizational strength and focus towards this goal, provided enough people believe in and share this vision. I hope my optimism and enthusiasm is contagious.

Sincerely,  
 Sheo Khetan IASC SPRING FESTIVAL 2004

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## PROGRAM

- AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM
- PRAYER – Praghana Purohit
- RIND POSH MAAL – Coordinator: Pratima Agarwal  
Participants: Akash Bagaria, Raj Bagaria, Rohan Desai, Millie Doshi, Selina Govani, Eshan Kaul, Raveena Samtani, Ankit Shah, Kishan Shah, Eesha Sheth, Sameep Vakharia
- MARO GHAGHRO RE GHUME RAJ NE DARBAR – Coordinator: Kusum Gada  
Participants: Ananya Arikravula, Anisha Chithapuram, Trisha Data, Nisha Desai, Priya Doshi, Chandani Gurnani, Kumar Nandita, Anjali Patel, Pooja Patel, Ramya Ramjee, Neha Seetamraju, Henna Shethia, Ananya Subramaniam, Natasha Trivedi
- IT'S TIME TO DISCO – Coordinator: Neeharika Pendekanti  
Participants: Aumber Sharma, Sameer Jadav, Ritesh Pendekanti, Soham Patel, Neal Mistry, Pratik Chheda, Anirudh Arikravula, Shaun Parimoo, Kunal Verma, Vivek Mohan
- PAPA KI PARI HU MAI – Coordinator: Sheetal Swami  
Participants: Charmie Mehta, Supriya Mehta, Nikita Patel, Anusha Prasad, Aashka Rathod, Mansi Sheth, Jasmine Swami, Riva Trivedi, Aneri Vakharia, Anjali Wadhwa
- PREETI WOMEN – Coordinator: Ritu Dhanda  
Participants: Aatin Dhanda, Ameet Bhatt, Natasha Chandra, Rohit Chawla, Ankur Dalsania, Nikita Jadav, Suraj Oza, Veena Prakash, Rajavi Shah, Atsi Shah, Pooja Sheshadri, Amulya Yalamanchili
- MEIN ALBELI – Coordinator: Karishma Patel  
Participants: Manpreet Batra, Jill Dave, Tanvi Desai, Ravina Jani, Anokhi Magodia, Priya Mansukhani, Ami Patel, Neelam Patel, Payal Patel, Rupal Patel, Trisha Patel, Rajvi Shah
- BHOJPURI BANJARAN (GYPSY) FOLK DANCE – Coordinator: Bala Yalamanchi  
Participants: Tamanna Desai, Payal Doshi, Seema Doshi, Shivani Jain, Neha Luthra, Monika Mahal, Veda Pejvaer, Brinda Ranganathan, Ami Shah, Pooja Singh, Niveda Subramanian, Divya Yeleshwarapu
- MERI DARANI JATHANIA (FOLK DANCE) – Coordinator: Ashmi Patel  
Participants: Bhatia Alisha, Jhavar Nikita, Mehta Ishita, Mehta Devanshi, Mehta Milonee, Patel Monal, Patel Poonam, Puwar Dipa, Shah Palak, Vasudeva Isha



SK addressing Indian Association of Somerset County's Association, AS The President

I was a board member of VERT, later resigned due to difference from the Executive Committee.

I was involved with SCAAHMCC.

Saurabh was at NJIT, but he was heavily involved in Marine work.

Saurabh was at Marine Corps Boot Camp in Parris Island, SC from Jan 26, 2004, to April 23, 2004. Then, after about 10 days back home, he completed additional Marine training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina from May until August 2004. He joined us at Hilton Head Island from 6/30-7/5.

Anju graduated from Michigan and started working Microsoft in August of 2004.

On 2/1/2004 Sewer pipe broke, and basement was flooded. We immediately called the fixers. It was a snowy day, so the guys came with a backhoe and dug up the sewer line. Due to snowy weather, it took them 5 hours to find the broken pipe and repair.

On 6/11/2004 Manish and Anu were blessed with the first baby Tushar



Tushar Agrawal

On 3/30/2004, Prem Bhabhi's elder sister expired in India. We, Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi did the Sunderland Path in her memory.

On January 17, Mr Manindra Agrawal had talk on theory of some Mathematical principle. I invited our nephew Amit for it. I also invited Mr Shiv Gupta for this talk with his daughter Pooja to meet Amit and evaluate Amit and Pooja. for matrimonial prospects, but Shiv could not come.

On April 29 Johnny married Neha



Neha Ganeriwal



Johnny (Saurabh) and Neha

On 5/20 2004, we held an IITK meeting in Moghul restaurant in Morristown. I was mainly in charge of that. I had my classmates Ashok Saxena and Ajay Jain joined the entrance to check the entrance to it. Professor Dhande, IITK President attended the show. Despite all precautions, it was discussed that somehow Mr. Anil Bhandari broke the tradition by entering the event without the ticket.

On May 22,2004 Saurabh left here special training for Marines at Camp Lejune with complete training



Saurabh's marine Corps Graduation Ceremony

On June 12, 2004, Navin Todi his MBA graduation from Wharton. Prem Bhabhi came for the party to celebrate. We also were there for this celebration.

On 8/22/2004 we celebrated Rakhi with Lala, Mahesh Baboo, and Vikram Tekriwal. We also celebrated Rakhi with Prem Bhabhi and Shashi Bhabhi

On 8/22 to 8/23 we performed the "Akhand Ramayana" at our place. Two people at random were singing the bhajans, with almost everyone sing for 2 hours, non-stop for 32 hours. (This was for the wellbeing of Saurabh, who was destined to go to Iraq



Ramayana Akhand path Balkand



Ramayana Akhand Path Lanka Kand

This required the cooperation of everybody, especially Sri Vishwanath Khanna ji, who was the lead singer.

Our very good friend Mr Pradeep Jalan had his son Vishal expired on August 28, 2004

Sanjay was seeing Deepa at this time and was quite serious about her. That is why, we went to see and meet her parents Champak Bhai and Nalini Ben shah in their home in Atlanta. The marriage was approved from both the parents and the preparations had started. We went to Atlanta on 10/2/2004.



Picture taken in Atlanta during our visit to Atlanta to meet Deepa's parents.

Deepa, Her Mom, Neeru and I



Sanjay and Deepa in Atlanta during our trip



Sanjay and Deepa in our trip

On 10/4/24 Bhai Saab (Mr Nand Todi) had his kidney stone removed. Both I and Prem Bhabhi ji and Amit were at hand for that

On 10/6/2004 Shital and Prashant were blessed with the beautiful baby, Krishna.



Krishna Agrawal born on 6 October 2004

On November 6, 2004, Neelam gave birth to Saira.



*Saira, born November 6, 2004*

On November 7, 2004, we left by a plane for India. Neeru left Bombay on 12/10/2004 and I on 1/6/05.

Reached Calcutta on 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:40PM

We went To Jamshedpur on 11/12/04 and stayed there with Sharda/Suresh baboo till 11/13/04

We were on a tour of Netarhat with Sharda and Suresh baboo between 11/14 to 11/16

We left Netarhat and came by car to Jamshedpur via Ranchi on 10/17

Then came to Calcutta on 11/18 via train.

11/19 to 11/26 we drove to Darjeeling, **Gangtok with Sushil Baboo/Pratima and baboo ji.**

Darjeeling, we reached and before dawn we went for Sun watching. It was a unique and exceptional scene. In the daytime we reached a tea farming estate. In Darjeeling we also went on the Famous Darjeeling Himalayan Railways. We also bought some cheap tourist stuff from the local market.

On 11/26 we drove to Gangtok the capital of Sikkim. Next morning, we went by car to the nearest Chinese border, Nathu La, a pass at the height of ~14000 feet. It was easy for us, but the height made Pratima sick. We went there by car and on our way, we noticed a lot of local people on Mules.

In the evening all went to see Indian movie “Veer-Zara”, but I came back before end of the movie.

We came back to Kolkata on 11/27 and took a flight to 11/29 to Bombay.

We left on 12/1 to **Mahabaleshwar outing with Bhaiyya ji**

and Bhabhi ji. Mahabaleshwar is a nice little resort next to Bombay. We stayed at a hotel with two tourist cottages. In the morning we visited a strawberry farm where strawberries were growing. We tasted strawberries. We also had strawberry shake (with milk)

There. In the evening there were talks about upcoming Sanjay’s wedding and literally drew all the details of marriage drawn right there.

Then on 12/10 Neeru flew by herself to Newark, where Saurabh was ready to receive her.

I went to Kodaikanal from 12/16 to 12/22 with Bhaiya, Bhabhi and Bhabhi's parents Mr and Mrs Sita Ramji Adukia.

We then flew to Delhi on 12/26. In Delhi I stayed with Neeru's Chachaji Mr Raj Kumar tekriwal and Padma Chachi ji. We went out to eat outside with them. We also took their car and went to see Mr Bajrang Singh an ex Netarhat student. He took us to meet Sriman Mahesh Narayan Saxena at his home who was an assistant principal of Netarhat school. He was a Music teacher and was the main creator of 'Wande he sunder mam Sakha Netarhat sada'. We listened to him playing the school gaan and We gifted a Woolen shawl to him.

We also went one day to meet my Stonybrook friend Mr Anukul Agarwal.

In the evening one night there was a reception of my friend Mr Upendra Rohatgi's daughter Ruchi. So, I drove and picked up Mrs Meena Bhagat, who was visiting her mom, and both went to her reception.

Lastly, I moved from my uncle-in-law's place and stayed at my friend Vinay Aditya on 29<sup>th</sup>.

Next morning, we took the IITK gang and went to IITK reunion.

For Dec 30, 2004, to January 1, 2005. I was involved in various activities like formal get together and photo session, Group discussion on how to help IITK with mainly helping on helping to fundraise, and a lecture on Delhi's water supply with various techniques by a close associate of Late Anil Agarwala



IITK batch 1965-70 photo

There I went by Car to Lucknow with my classmate Mr P C agarwal (night stop there) and from there on 1/2/2005 I flew to Bombay. I remember buying a "Malai ki gillory" from Lucknow which very much appreciated by Bombaywala's.

From Bombay I flew to Newark on 1/6/2005.

2005

Year 2005 started with the bad news for us.

First Neeru's Ma passed away on 2/9/2005.

We got the message that Neeru's Ma was on the death bed. She was mostly asleep. Every once in a while, she woke up and constantly remembering where is my 'Nirua-- a nickname for Neeru'

On February 2/7/2005 Neeru went to Calcutta to Meet Her Mom, who was lying in the hospital bed. She passed away 2 days later. She was alive only to see Neeru. Neeru stayed in India till February 24

She reached in Calcutta and immediately went to hospital to meet her ma. When she came to senses, she called for 'Nirua' and Nirmala was there to see her mom on her deathbed, Neeru could not bear this and kept crying. Next morning, when her Ma's body was brought, she quietly saw her and went back to her room quietly and cried, That's why her picture is not with her Ma.



Neeru's Ma after death



Neeru's Ma lying dead and Choti Munni next to her.



Neeru's Ma, all the people around her, with both of her brothers with no tops and scarf tying around their heads. Neeru probably is not visible, probably in the mix of woman in the background.



Carrying Neeru's Ma's 'earthy', Neeru's Baboo ji and Shankar Chacha lift her body.

Then there was the happiest news when on thanksgiving time we had our **first Bahu** in the family.

**Deepa and Sanjay got married later this year.**

I returned to NJ after January 6 in USA

We were in Martinsville, Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi in Troy, both with empty nest syndrome

Sanjay was working in New York, at A T Kearny, but during mid-year changed to Levitz in NYC only.

Saurabh was still at New Jersey Institute of Technology, in the last semester, and Sameer at Wharton and Sameer at John Hopkins University

Alka continued at GAP, but transferred to NY in August, Anju graduated from University of Michigan and started working for MICROSOFT corporation. Amit joined IDA in Princeton in September

Sameer, as a part of studies went to Senegal, but suffered from mental anxiety there.

On February 26, Deepa's parent Mr Champak bhai and her mom Mrs. Nalini Ben came out to visit us.

On 3/26/2005 Priyank's celebration was celebrated in Morristown. On 3/5/2005 Ruchi's reception was celebrated in Long Island. We attended both the celebration.

**On 4/16/2005 Sanjay and Deepa's engagement celebrated at our place.**

We had the engagement at our home. The family room was decorated. On the deck

We had setup the food. In the backyard we had a large tent for eating the food



The Family room decorations for the engagement ceremony



The front of the door, where we welcomed Mr Vishwanath Khanna, our friend, and The Priest



We are welcoming Mr Champak Shah and his wife Nalini ben at the gate.



Finally, Deepa arrives and Neeru is very pleased to welcome her.



Sanjay, Deepa, and Her Parents are sitting in the living room.



I welcome Nalini ben and all their relatives, as they enjoy small meal before the ceremony.



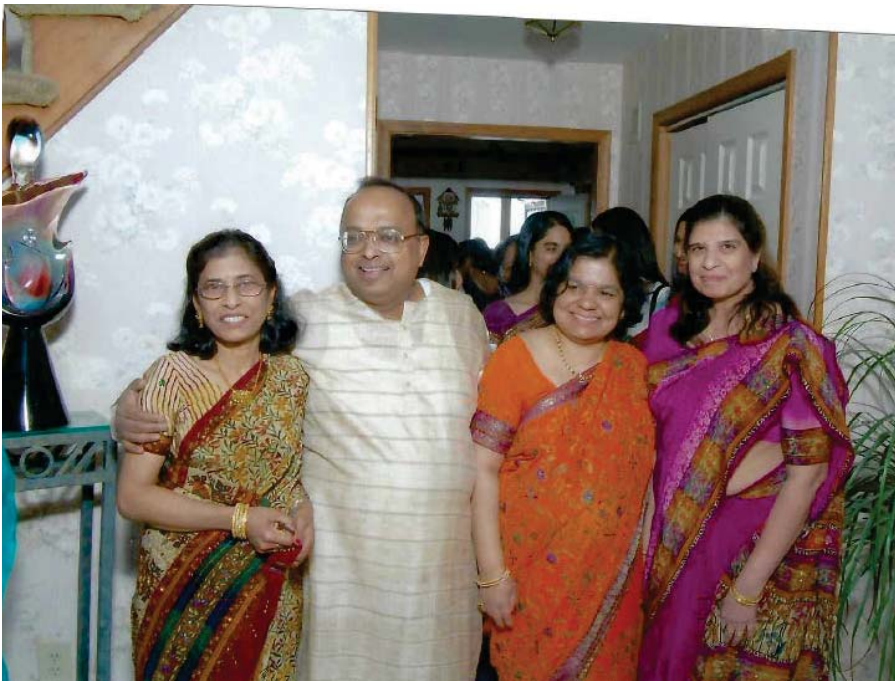
Prem Bhabhi, Raghunath Bhaiyya, I and Deepa's grandma



We are greeting all the guests in the kitchen, here you see Neeru talking with Deepak Devraj (my IITK classmate) and his wife Neera



Sharda (Tekriwal) chachi ji talking with me.



Prem Bhabhi, I, Neeru and Shashi Bhabhi.



Sanjay sitting on the dais before the engagement, and Mr Khanna, the priest.

On left. All the Deepa's relatives, her dad, mom, and others sitting on the left side.

All our relatives, I, Neeru, Bhaiyya, Bhabhi, Shibu Chacha, Sharda chachi, Mahesh baboo, Sonal Bagadia

Bina Dodi, Bhai sahib (Nand Todi) and Nimish Todi on the right, all other guests are sitting in the kitchen.



Mr Khanna (Priest) have both Deepa and Sanjay perform some ritual.



Bhabhi ji brings the engagement ring to Sanjay as Deepa and Neeru watch.



Sanjay presents the ring to Deepa, Neeru watches.



Neeru does the tilak to Sanjay as Prem Bhabhi watches.



Neeru's parents offer sweet to Sanjay.



Saurabh delivers a humorous speech after the engagement done.



Deepa's sister Rita does the same.



The snack on the deck for pre-engagement food

the food on the deck after engagement



Deepa and Sanjay take the food.



Eating in at the Tent outside, Shibu Chacha, Mahesh Baboo, Sharda Chachi, Nalini Ben, and Champak Bhai Shah (Deepa's parents) and others

Next table Kamlesh, Ajay Jain and Rajendra Mehta visible from another table



Outside tent with all guests eating



Sheo, newly engaged Deepa and Sanjay and Nirmala in front of the home



Newly engaged with the whole New Jersey Khetan family.



Newly engaged with the whole Raghunath Bhaiyya and Family



The newly engaged with parents Mr Champak Shah and Nalini ben Shah.



Sanjay. Deepa with his brothers



The newly engaged with their parents.



Sanjay with his friends after engagement

Then My mom passed away on 4/16/2005

On April 18 we took a flight to Bombay. So did Raghunath Bhaiyya and Prem Bhabhi. My mother had expired on 4/16/05.

My mother, Late Ms Bhagwati Devi Khetan



Late Shrimati Bhagwati Devi Khetan (1924-2005)



Ma on her Death Bed



Ma on her Death Bed



Bhaiyya ji doing something with Ma.



Bhaiyya ji giving ‘Mukhagni’ to Ma.

This year we were heavily involved in raising funds for IITK, with Ish Sud, Satish Bhalerao, and Garth (Raj Kumar). The discussion became very hot as Raj Kumar’s insisting that people from USA should contribute 10 times more than India people...

Then most consequential, a heavy stroke occurred to Me which Knocked me out of senses on May 17. Luckily, I was saved, and got on my feet completely in 5 months.

May 17 came. I was working in basement office and suddenly realized that I could not control my head to move. I felt uneasy too. So, I got off my chair and lied there on the carpet. Suddenly Saurabh, who had come down from upstairs and asked me what the problem was. I said I could not lift or control my neck. He immediately called the ambulance, and then gave me the first aid like showing his fingers. I responded 4 and then lost my consciousness.....

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Sheo Khetan was born in Sitamarhi, Bihar in 1949. He did his BTech from IIT Kanpur. in 1970. He came to Stony Brook, NY in September 1970 and finished MS in Mechanical Engineering.

He then did MBA in finance and continued working in the Semiconductor industry for next 32 years. In 2005, he was downed by a stroke. It took 6 months to recover. Since then he turned to his original love, old Hindi movies. He has been married to Nirmala since 1976 and they have 4 boys, and 2 daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Sons are Sanjay, Saurabh, Sameer and Sudhir. The two daughters-in-law are Deepa (Ms Sanjay) and Sarmili (Ms Sudhir).

His grandsons are Jaiden, Dilan and Koushik (both Covid boys) and granddaughter is Shreyashi.

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