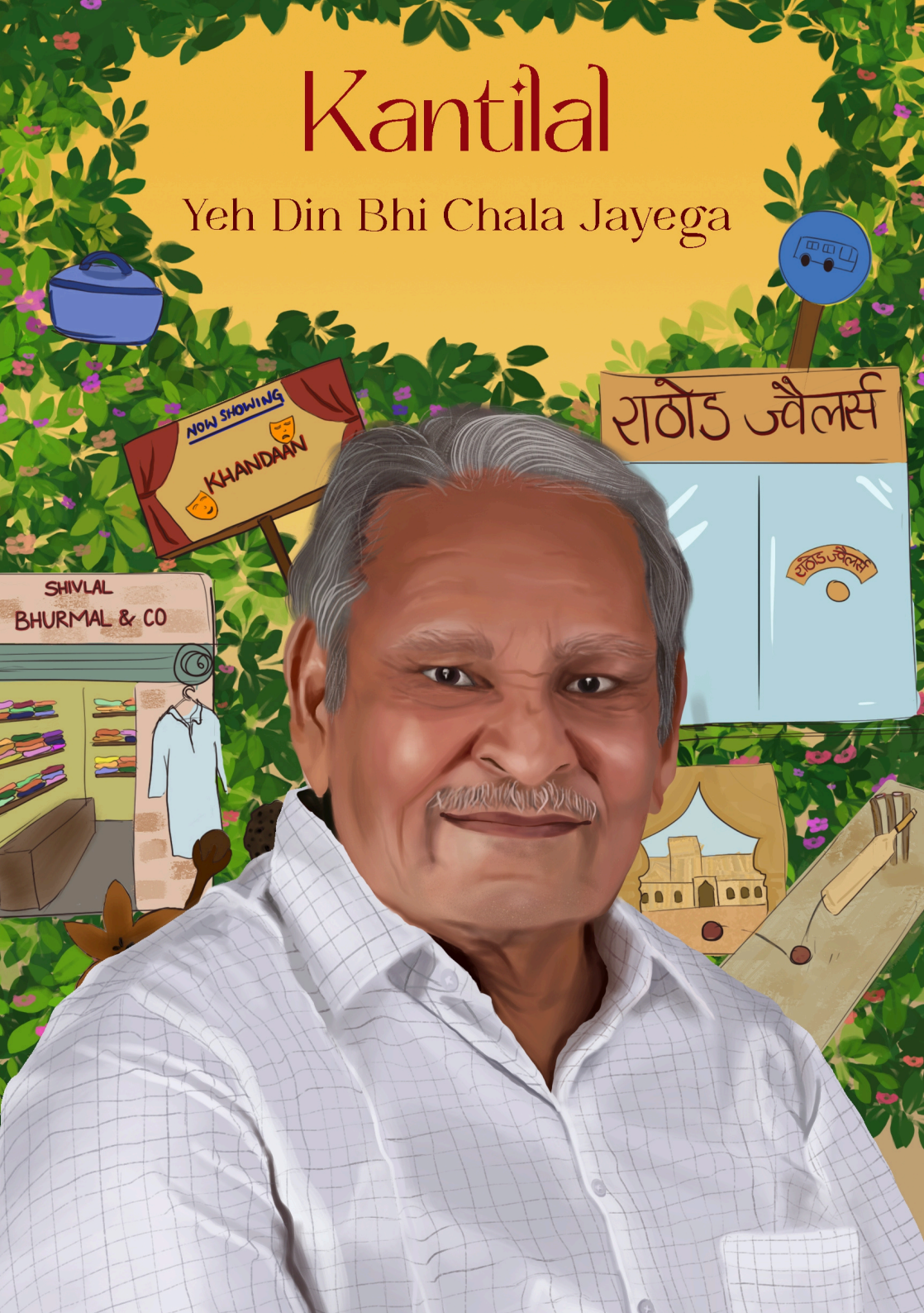


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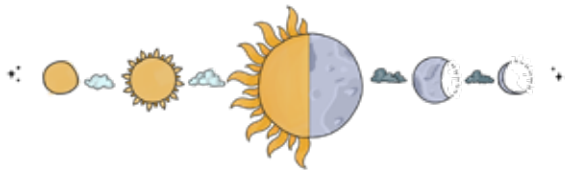
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Through storms and calm, he stood so tall,  
With hope in his heart, he conquered it all.



आंधियों में भी वह अडिग खड़ा रहा,  
आशा के दीप से हर कठिनाई को जीत लिया ।



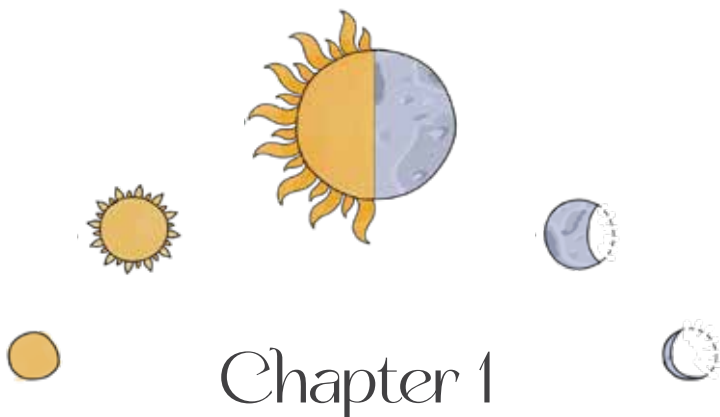
# Prologue

In the vibrant heart of Mumbai, where the rhythms of daily life blend seamlessly with the city's rich heritage, lives a man whose laughter and zest for life could brighten the darkest of days - Kantilal Rathod. Known for his infectious smile and boundless energy, Kantilal's journey is one of resilience, joy, and unwavering optimism.

Kantilal's ability to find joy in the simplest of moments and to face challenges with a determined spirit has touched the lives of everyone around him. From navigating the intricacies of running a family business to surviving personal losses, his journey is an embodiment of his resilience and optimistic outlook. His love for photography, capturing every joyful moment, and his attitude of befriending people and creating a comfortable surrounding for them, is perhaps one of his most endearing qualities. His mantra, "*Yeh din bhi chala jayega*" reflects his belief in the ebbs and flows of life. In his philosophy lies a profound wisdom: to focus on what one can control and leave the rest to fate. Kantilal's ethos serves as a beacon of inspiration for his family - to seize the present moment and to find solace in the unpredictable journey of life.

As we embark on this journey through the pages of Kantilal - Yeh Din Bhi Chala Jayega, we will witness not just the struggles but also the triumphs, not just the losses but also the lessons learned. Kantilal's story is a reminder that no matter how dark the night may seem, there's always a dawn of hope waiting to break through. This biography is a celebration of a life lived fully, a tribute to the power of positivity, and an inspiration for all who read it.





## Chapter 1

# Roots and Legacy

### TRACING THE BEGINNINGS

**I**magine a tranquil village nestled in the heart of Rajasthan's Pali District. It was called Bali. This is where a remarkable story of grit and resilience was about to unfold. It was the year 1946. A boy, named Kantilal Rathod, was born in a Jain Marwari household. Kantilal was one of the ten children (five sons and five daughters) born to Shivlal and Panibai Rathod.

Going back a few years before the birth of Kantilal, Shivlal had already endured the heart-wrenching loss of several children, victims of an era devoid of adequate medical care and gripped by superstitions. In those days, villages were extremely remote and any medical awareness was a distant dream. Superstitions prevailed, leaving parents like Shivlal and Panibai at the mercy of fate.





The loss of young lives must have had a tremendous mental impact on parents, but life had to go on. As harsh as these losses were, such instances were not new. Despite the darkness of those times, Shivalal carried on, determined to make a living for his family. Through the lens of Shivalal's story, we glimpse into the harsh realities of those days and also the strength that emerges from facing adversity. His legacy is not just one of loss but also of perseverance - ability to endure, adapt, and ultimately, find meaning amidst life's storms.

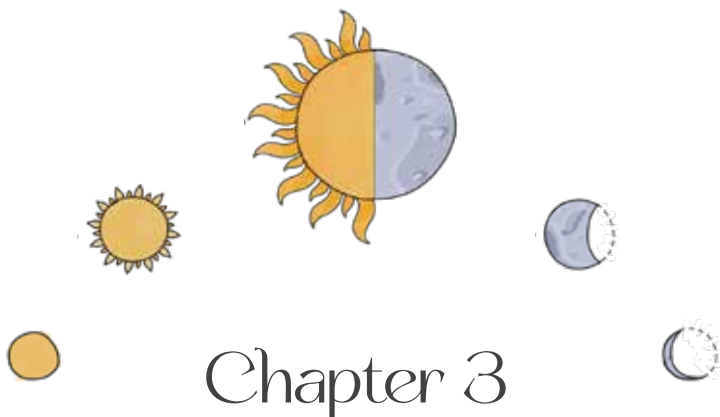
Growing up amidst a large family in challenging conditions instilled in Kantilal a deep sense of community, and resourcefulness. From an early age, he witnessed the struggles of a rural life, which made him learn invaluable lessons about hard work and perseverance. However, life's path was not without its share of ups and downs. Kantilal encountered tremendous challenges and setbacks, each one shaping his character and fortitude. Through hardships and struggles, he honed his determination and resilience, emerging as the patriarch of his family in the years to follow.

Today, Kantilal is the sole living sibling. A testimony to the endurance and strength that have defined his journey. This biography, Kantilal - Yeh Din Bhi Chala Jayega is more than a mere recounting of dates and events; it is a living testament to Kantilal's zeal, vigour, and his fighting spirit. Within these pages, we delve into Kantilal's life, woven with stories, anecdotes, and memories shared by family and friends. Their narratives paint a vivid portrait of a man who faced life's challenges head-on, weathered storms with courage, and emerged stronger, living a life of fulfilment and peace.

The Maximum city of Mumbai has served as a safe haven that binds the Rathod family for over hundred years. A bond that is tied with a sacred







## Chapter 3

# Bonds of Love

MARRIAGE AND RAISING A FAMILY

**K**antilal was now 18 years old and as customary, his family started looking for a suitable girl for him. It didn't take long. His rishta was finalised with Shantibai, a girl from another Jain family in the same village, living just a few minutes away. Kantilal first heard of his engagement from a neighbour, who casually mentioned, "You know, Shanti is your fiancée." Bewildered, Kantilal couldn't believe it- he had never even seen her up close.

Their engagement, arranged by their families, was as surprising as it was thrilling. Before marriage, Kantilal's life was filled with amusing encounters and shy glances that marked his courtship days with Shanti.



# Tijori

PENNED LETTERS OF LOVE, LESSONS AND LEGACY.



# Jitendra and Neeta

## SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW

Compiled by Jitendra and Neeta as life's teachings he learnt from his father.

जितनी चादर हो, उतना ही पैर पसारना ।

Stretch your legs only as far as the bedsheet covers.

दूसरे के देखा-देखी नहीं करना ।

Don't get influenced by others and what they're doing.

आधी रोटी खाना, पर किसी का बाकी मत रखना ।

You may even have to starve, but don't keep anyone's money.

1 रुपया कमाना तो 25 पैसे बचाना ।

If you earn one rupee, save twenty-five paisa.

परिवार में सबको लेकर चलना ।

Try to keep the family together, happy and content.

तुम्हारा लाख रुपया भी पड़ा है तो हमारे लिए मिट्टी है ।

Even if you have a lakh rupees, it's worthless to us. It's not ours.

किसी की सुख में भले मत जाओ, पर किसी के दुःख में बुलावे का इंतजार मत करना ।

You may choose to not be a part of someone's happiness, but you must be there in their time of sorrow.



# Rakesh

## SON

From a young age, I have closely witnessed my father's struggles. When I spent most of my time with him at the shop, it felt like his struggles were mine as well. Despite all the hardships in life, we never had to struggle for food. As a child, I always got what I needed, but I never felt the desire to ask for more. Over time, I matured and grew wiser, adopting his principles and values, which today are my greatest assets. I remember not sharing my plans for a picnic in Nepal with him because I felt it would be too expensive and burden him too much. I am proud of the principles and values I inherited from him, which I am now passing on to my own children. Thank you, Papa.

I feel proud to live with my parents, and I am grateful to my wife, Jeeta, for always keeping our relationship strong.

I still remember the day I became a CA. Seeing the joy on his face, it felt like he had reached the top of the world. That same day, we set off for the holy place of Palitana with an unreserved ticket, so eager to get there that we rode in an open van in the cold.

Papa has always managed both his business and family in the best way possible. He has successfully handled the perspectives of three generations under one roof. The way he has managed his married life and raised his children, I strive to be just as successful as a husband and father. His dedication to the family and positive outlook are truly inspiring. He always says that he doesn't want to leave behind any liabilities and would never do anything to diminish our stature. He is the kind of person with whom anyone, of any age, can talk easily. His smile and positivity are his true signature.



*My Father and me in 60's*



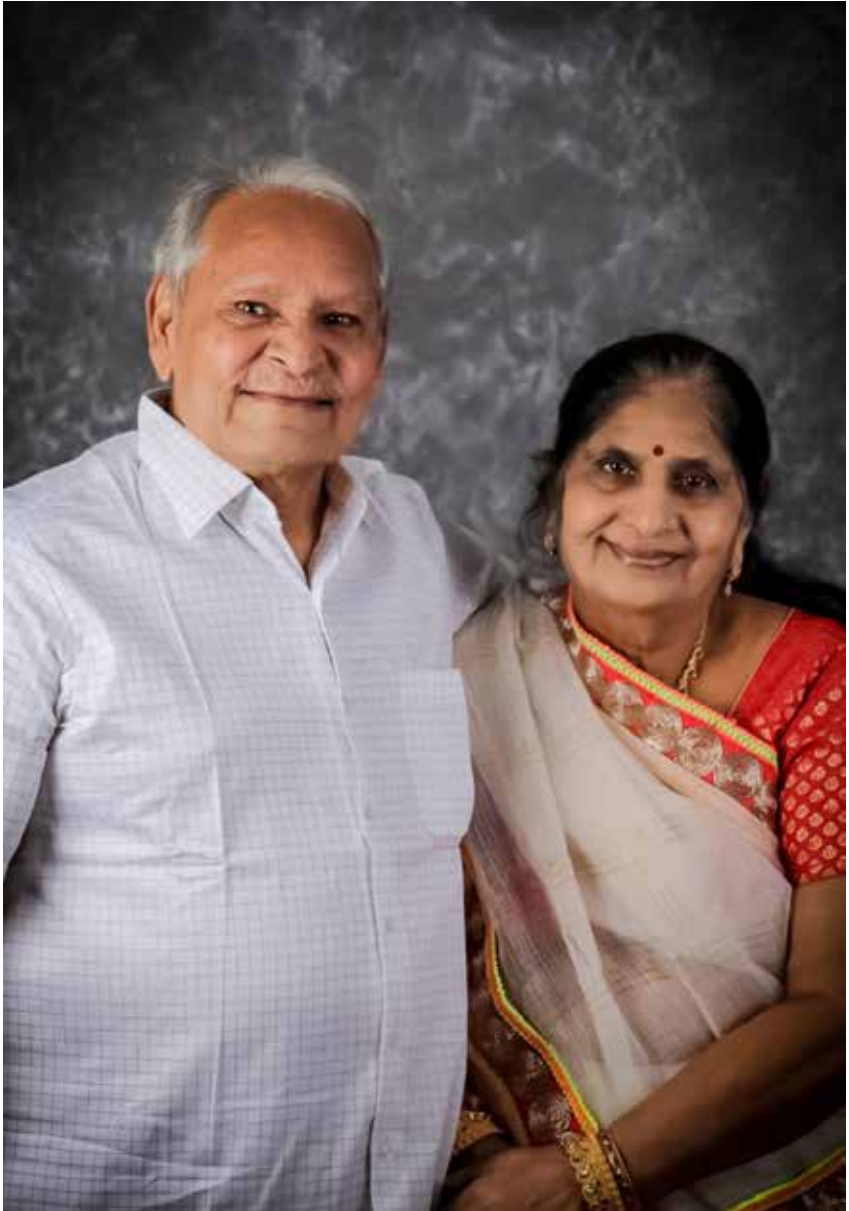


*The Rockstar*





*My Tea partner*



*The Royal Couple*



*Bhurmalji Nathaji  
Rathod*

Grandfather

*Shivlalji Rathod*  
Father

m.

*Panibai Rathod*  
Mother

*Lalchand Rathod*  
Brother

*Mishrimal Rathod*  
Brother

*Jayantilalji Rathod*  
Brother

*Kantilal Rathod* m. *Shantibai Rathod*  
Wife

*Parasmal Ajayrajji  
Rathod*  
Brother

*Devendra Rathod*  
Brother

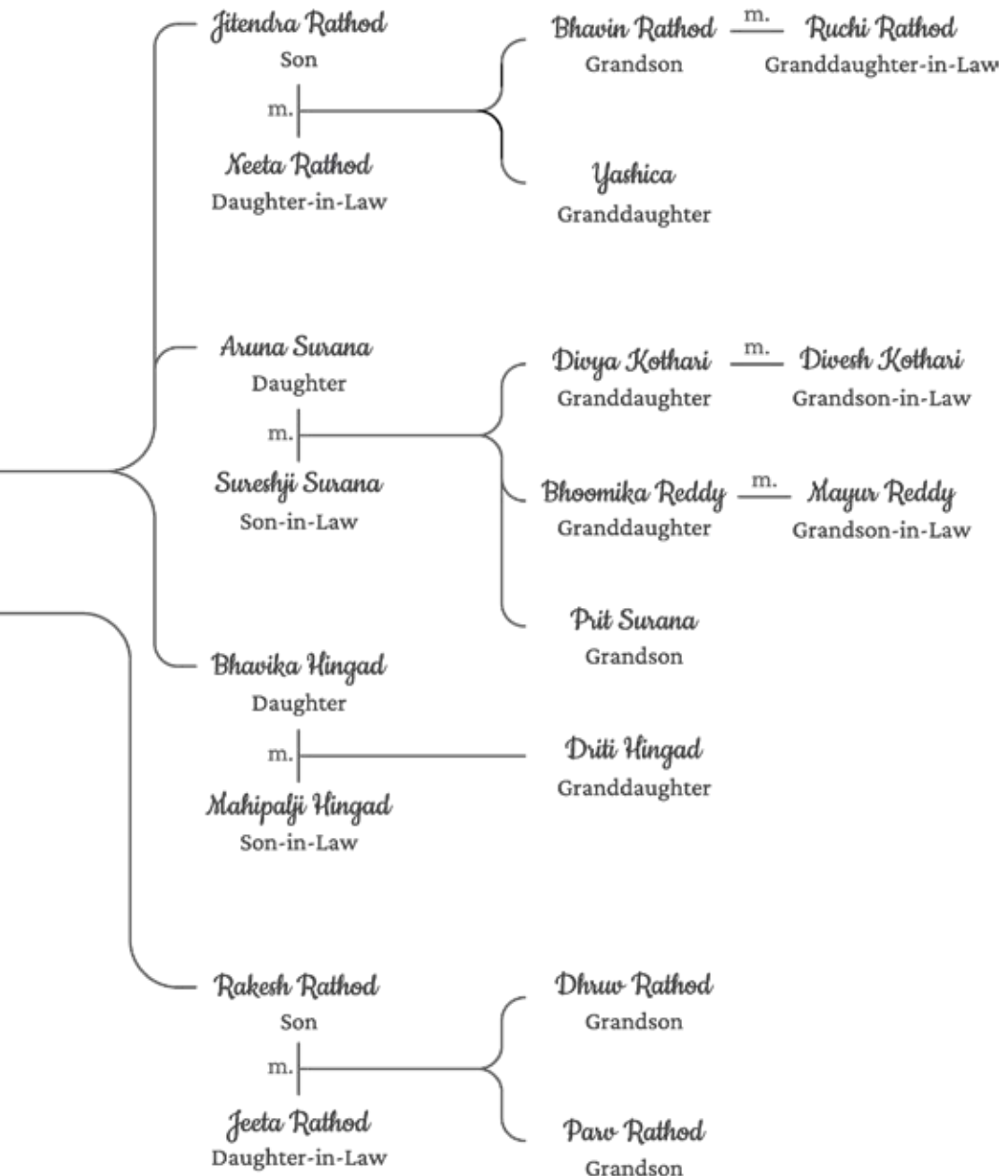
*Kanyabai Parekh* m. *Vastmalji Parekh*  
Sister Brother-in-Law

*Shantibai Kothari* m. *Champalalji Kothari*  
Sister Brother-in-Law

*Sushila Parmar* m. *Laxmichandji Parmar*  
Sister Brother-in-Law

*Manju Bafna* m. *Jayantilal Bafna*  
Sister Brother-in-Law

*Sukhi Shemlani* m. *Pravinji Shemlani*  
Sister Brother-in-Law





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## A Legacy in Ink

Papa always dreamed of preserving his life story. This process of writing his biography has brought his journey to life, capturing not just his struggles and successes, but the values that shaped our family. Holding this book in my hands is a profound and emotional experience.

Working with Namit & Prerna from Kagaz Ke Phool, we as a family shared our stories, strengthening our bonds and creating a lasting legacy. The most precious gift isn't something you can buy—it's the story of a loved one, captured forever.

Start the journey today and give your family a legacy they'll cherish for generations.

- Rakesh Rathod

