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The First Word

Johar Jharkhand is my first word. Now since I am on the brink of ending my second consecutive term in Rajya Sabha from Jharkhand, I often look back. Jharkhand has been a heart-throb, a feeling which flows in my veins; continuously, incessantly. I recall a couplet:

मैं जिसे ओढ़ता बिछाता हूँ,
वह गज़ल आपको सुनाता हूँ
“*Main jisse odhata bichhata hun,
woh ghazal aapko sunata hun.*”

Ever since I got elected to Rajya Sabha in 2008, my feelings for Jharkhand began becoming intense day in and day out. I often pondered as to what should I do for my constituency! I could see the lack of rural infrastructure. I could see the huge potential among the people of the State. I could see the scenic and natural beauty offering substantial prospects for tourism and marvelous locations for outdoor film shooting. I could see that the wildlife, the minerals beneath the earth, the tribal art and culture, enterprising zeal and zest of the people together with soberness and innocence, and climatic conditions could overnight put Jharkhand in the list of India's top five states.

While I dwelled upon such thoughts and feelings for Jharkhand all the time, I kept on putting my efforts for the betterment of people of Jharkhand to the best of my ability and might. Whatever little I have been able to contribute for Jharkhand as Rajya Sabha MP as well as in my personal capacity, in the parliament and outside, has been given voice in media and other forums from time to time. I am privileged that I got wider acceptance and recognition, despite being an independent MP by people across the board in Jharkhand. Perhaps it is because I am passionate as a person about Jharkhand and duty bound to contribute and work for Jharkhand as an MP. It is difficult to strike a balance between passion and duty! I have tried to do it; sincerely and in the best possible way. People of Jharkhand have to decide whether I fit into the category of the title of this book '*Adorable and Admirable*' or not. But one thing is clear. Jharkhand for me shall remain '*Adorable and Admirable*' all throughout, irrespective of the fact whether I am MP or not!

I often think whether I could pay back enough vis-à-vis what Jharkhand gave me all these years! I don't

know the correct answer; but what I know and feel is a sense of belongingness. I remember once I termed Jharkhand as my '*Karma Bhoomi*'. It is a different thing that due to my other commitments I don't stay much in the State, but I never hesitate to be in Jharkhand or be with its people. That means it is like a home to me. One never hesitates to go home.

The Coffee Table Book entitled '*Adorable and Admirable Parimal Nathwani*', conceptualized and prepared by the Times of India, Ranchi is something summed up in nutshell of what all I have done since 2008 in Jharkhand as Rajya Sabha MP. They might have accounted for what has been tangible, in the form of creation of infrastructure and facilities under MPLAD and SAGY etc. But to pen down what is intangible, what is in my heart and mind, in my feelings, is difficult! What is not accomplished is immense! There are miles to go! Only satisfaction is the kind of bond that has been established between me and Jharkhand. My contribution, my tenure as an MP apart; this special bond is something that is enough for me to cherish for long time to come.

My coming to Jharkhand was just by chance. Luck would have it that I became Rajya Sabha MP! Our sages rightly said:

अनायासकृतं कर्म सत्यः श्रेष्ठः फलागमः

Anayaskrutam karm satyh shreshth falagamh

When some thing is done by chance, its result is true and the best. Becoming Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand was one of the best things happened to me. You have to decide whether my work and deeds for Jharkhand have resulted into the best of deeds and work or not! The pages hereafter are open for you to make judgement!

I am grateful to Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Hemant Soren ji and Hon'ble Leader of Opposition of Jharkhand State Assembly Shri Babu Lal Marandi for writing few lines on me for this book. I am indebted and obliged indeed.

Thank you.

Lastly but not the least, the First Word again is: Johar Jharkhand.

— Parimal Nathwani
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February 1, 2020

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
RAJYA SABHA

परिमल नथवाणी : 'कर्मभूमि' के प्रति समर्पित

झारखंड से राज्यसभा में दूसरी बार प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे भाई परिमल नथवाणी के कामों को केन्द्र में रखकर यह नया कॉफी टेबल बुक है। इसका शीर्षक – एडोरेबल एंड एडमायरेबल परिमल नथवाणी, शीर्षक, उनके झारखंड में किये कामों को सार्थक करता है। श्री नथवाणी एक संवेदनशील इंसान हैं। बतौर जनप्रतिनिधि बेहतर भविष्य के लिए बुनियादी बदलाव से लेकर आधुनिक विकास के लिए सतत प्रयत्नशील जनप्रतिनिधि।

राजनीति में होने के साथ ही वह देश के मशहूर उद्योग घराने से भी संबद्ध हैं। इसके अलावा खेल, विशेषतया क्रिकेट और दूसरी कई सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों में उनकी रुचि है। विविध क्षेत्रों में सक्रियता और सरोकार है। वह गुजरात स्टेट क्रिकेट एसोसियेशन के पूर्व उप-प्रमुख रह चुके हैं। कई सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक-धार्मिक संस्थाओं में अहम भूमिका में हैं। लेकिन इन सबके बावजूद जब से वह झारखंड से सांसद बने, तब से झारखंड से उनका लगाव समय के साथ प्रगाढ़ होता गया।

इस प्रगाढ़ शब्द का प्रयोग इसलिए क्योंकि बतौर सांसद उनके द्वारा किये गये कामों को देखें तो उसकी झलक मिलेगी। उन्होंने सांसद आदर्श ग्राम योजना के तहत तीन गांवों का चयन किया। पहला, रांची से सटे नामकुम ब्लॉक के जराटोली गांव का, दूसरा रांची से ही सटे कांके ब्लॉक के चुटटु गांव का। अब उन्होंने तीसरे गांव का चयन किया है। वह भी रांची से ही सटे अनगड़ा प्रखंड का बरवादाग गांव है। जिन गांवों को उन्होंने सांसद आदर्श ग्राम योजना के तहत चयनित किया, उन गांवों में श्री नथवाणी ने व्यक्तिगत रुचि लेकर और खुद पहल कर, विकास का मॉडल तैयार किया। गांवों में सड़क का दुरुस्त करवाना, स्कूलों को ठीक करना, ग्रामीणों के बीच सोलर लैंप का वितरण करना, धार्मिक स्थलों का सौंदर्यीकरण, जलस्रोतों को संरक्षित करना, खेल के समुचित प्रबंध करना... यह सब प्रमुख काम उन गांवों में हुए। अब जो तीसरा गांव उन्होंने चयनित किया है, वहां भी विकास कार्य तेजी से शुरू हुए हैं।

यह तो सांसद आदर्श ग्राम योजना के तहत चयनित गांवों की बात हुई। इसके साथ ही श्री नथवाणी ने झारखंड के अलग अलग इलाकों में अलग अलग कार्यों की बुनियाद रखी थी या रुके कामों को आगे बढ़ाया। रांची में रैंडों, जावा बेड़ा, इरगुटोली, हिन्दपीढ़ी, नसराटोली, मधुकम, जितुबेड़ा, जराबेड़ी, हरगाडीह टोली जैसे अनेक गांव या मोहल्ले ऐसे हैं, जहां के लोगों की मांग पर उनके साथ जुड़कर श्री नथवाणी ने विकास के काम किये।

नामकुम के कवाली गांव में इन्होंने स्टेडियम का निर्माण करवाया, उसकी चहारदीवारी का प्रबंध करवाया, गैलरी का भी निर्माण करवाया, चेकडैम बनवाया। झारखंड खेलों का गांव है और गांवों में इस तरह के खेल प्रतिभाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए निर्माण करवाना, उनकी दूरदृष्टि को दिखाता है। रांची शहर में इनके

तीन काम बड़े चर्चित रहे। इस्लामनगर के नागरिकों को भरोसा दिलाकर फिर से उन्हें पुनर्वासित करने की कोशिश करना, वर्षों से उपेक्षित पड़े रातू रोड चौराहे पर अवस्थित नगर निगम अस्पताल का कायाकल्प करवाना और हरमू मुक्तिधाम श्मशान स्थल की चहारदीवारी, शव पड़ाव प्रतीक्षालय निर्माण की सराहना पूरे शहर में हुई। इसके साथ ही रांची झील के सौंदर्यीकरण और करमटोली चौक पर पुस्तकालय निर्माण की भी खूब चर्चा रही। साथ ही इंडियन इंस्टीच्यूट ऑफ मैनेजमेंट रांची को सांसद फंड से मदद की। लेकिन, ऐसा नहीं कि श्री नथवाणी ने अपनी सक्रियता का दायरा रांची के या इसके आसपास तक ही सीमित रखा, बल्कि झारखंड के दूसरे इलाके में भी इनकी सक्रियता रही और विकास कामों की कोशिश की। पूर्वी सिंहभूम के बहरागोडा इलाके में इनकी सक्रियता रही और वहां आदिवासी महिलाओं को कलात्मक प्रशिक्षण की व्यवस्था कर उन्हें स्वावलंबी और आत्मनिर्भर बनाने की कोशिश करना, प्रमुख काम रहा। इसी तरह गुमला के ग्रामीण इलाके में शिक्षा के विकास के लिए किया गया इनका कार्य काफी सराहनीय रहा।

ये सारे काम श्री नथवाणी ने सिर्फ अपने सांसद निधि से नहीं बल्कि निजी राशि से भी और जिस उद्योग समूह से जुड़े हुए हैं, उसके जरिये भी करवाये। फंड से काम करना—करवाना तो फिर भी एक बात होती है, नथवाणी जी खुद इन कार्यों को शुरू करवाने में, आगे बढ़वाने में लगे भी रहें। इसका असर भी दिखा कि इनके जन्मदिन वगैरह जैसे अवसर को सिर्फ इनके करीबी नहीं बल्कि उन गांवों ने भी मनाया, जिन गांवों को इन्होंने या तो गोद लिया अथवा जहां काम किये—करवाये। इनके बारे में झारखंड के प्रसिद्ध आदिवासी नेता शिबू सोरेन ने ठीक ही टिप्पणी की थी कि, “आप आये तो गुजरात से हैं, फिर भी पराये नहीं लगते हैं। आदिवासियों के लिए और झारखंड के लिए ठोस कार्य किये हैं।” ऐसे ही राय श्री नथवाणी जी के बारे में झारखंड के अनेक नेताओं और लोगों की है।

झारखंड से राज्यसभा सदस्य बनने के बाद उस राज्य को इन्होंने अपनी कर्मभूमि बताया। कर्मभूमि के प्रति अपना फर्ज भी निभाते रहे। बतौर सांसद, संसद में झारखंड से जुड़े सवाल को उठाने में वे सिर्फ निरंतर सक्रिय नहीं रहे, बल्कि अग्रणी रहे।

इसलिए आरंभ में ही कहा कि टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया ने इस कॉफी टेबल बुक का जो शीर्षक रखा है — एडोरेबल एंड एडमायरेबल परिमल नथवाणी, वह सर्वथा उनके व्यक्तित्व, कर्तृत्व और नेतृत्व क्षमता के अनुरूप है। इस कॉफी टेबल बुक में भी जो कटेंट प्रकाशित हो रहे हैं, उसे पढ़कर आप भाई परिमल नथवाणी जी के व्यक्तित्व और कर्तृत्व के अनेक आयाम से परिचित होंगे। मेरी कामना है कि यह कॉफी टेबल बुक अधिक से अधिक लोगों तक पहुंचे।


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CHIEF MINISTER
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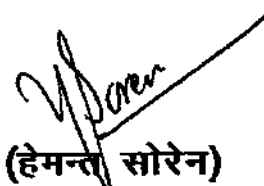
संदेश

मुझे यह जानकार हार्दिक प्रसन्नता हो रही है कि टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया, राँची द्वारा श्री परिमल नथवाणी, माननीय संसद सदस्य (राज्यसभा) के कार्यकलापों से संबंधित एक सचित्र कॉफी टेबुल बुक "एडोरेबल एण्ड एडमायरेबल परिमल नथवाणी" प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है।

आदरणीय नथवाणी, झारखण्ड राज्य से दो बार संसद सदस्य (राज्यसभा) निर्वाचित हुए। नथवाणी जी का कार्यक्षेत्र मूलतः व्यापारिक है, लेकिन झारखण्ड राज्य से सांसद चुने जाने के उपरांत, इन्होंने आदिवासी समाज के साथ-साथ पिछड़े शहरी एवं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों की मूलभूत आवश्यकताओं को पूरा कराने में अपना विशेष योगदान दिया है। इनके द्वारा जनहित में संपादित कराये गये कार्यों पर प्रकाशित पुस्तिका "झारखण्ड-मेरी कर्मभूमि" उनके समाजसेवी व्यक्तित्व को दर्शाती है।

नथवाणी जी एक सरल, मृदुभाषी, ज्ञानी, अनुभवी एवं कर्मठ सांसद है। मैं इनके द्वारा कराये गये कार्यों की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा करते हुए इनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य की मंगल कामना करता हूँ।

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(हेमन्त सोरेन)



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EX CHIEF MINISTER
JHARKHAND

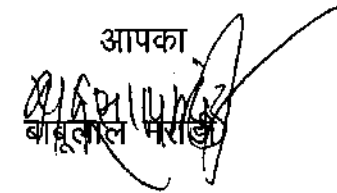
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संदेश

यह अत्यन्त ही हर्ष का विषय है कि श्री परिमल नाथवानी, सांसद (राज्य सभा) द्वारा देश हित, लोक कल्याण एवं जनता के लिए वर्ष 2008 से अब तक किए गए कार्यों को समाहित करते हुए सचित्र कॉफी टेबुल पुस्तक " एडोरेबल एण्ड एडमायरेबल परिमल नाथवाणी " प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है।

आपके द्वारा विगत 12 वर्षों से झारखण्ड एवं देश से जुड़े महत्वपूर्ण विषयों को सदन में प्रमुखता से उठाया है। साथ ही झारखण्ड की जनता की समस्याओं के निराकरण में आपकी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है जिसे भुलाया नहीं जा सकता है। झारखण्ड के विकास में आपकी भूमिका को लोग सदैव याद रखेंगे। आपके द्वारा सांसद के तौर पर झारखण्ड एवं देश के लिए जन हित कार्यों का समावेश एक पुस्तिका के रूप में कॉफी टेबुल पुस्तक के प्रकाशन से किये गये कार्यों की जानकारी आम जनों तक पहुँच सकेगी।

इस अवसर पर प्रकाशन से जुड़े सभी बन्धुओं को बहुत – बहुत बधाई देता हूँ साथ ही श्री नाथवाणी जी सामाजिक एवं जनहित से जुड़े मामलों में निरंतर कार्य करते रहें, ऐसी आशा करता हूँ।

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Foreword

Jharkhand, which is endowed with rich mineral resources and forest reserves, has the capacity to become one of the most developed states of the country.

When Mr Parimal Nathwani, a business tycoon with Reliance Industries Ltd, ventured into this rich and vibrant land as a Rajya Sabha MP in 2008, he recognised the state's potential and worked hard to transform the lives of its people, especially the tribals. Mr Nathwani realised he needed to provide the underprivileged people of Jharkhand with basic amenities. Hence with extreme humility, courage and devotion, he took up the onus to build health, education, drinking water, roads and playground facilities in the hinterland.

The efforts he put in to change the lives of these villagers not only highlight the humane virtues of the MP, but also prove his dedication to serve humanity, in every way possible. Mr Nathwani, during his two-term stint as MP, from 2008 to March 2020, used his MPLAD funds to the optimum. At times, he even spent his personal funds to brighten up lives - whether it was to provide benches and desks to school or college students or health and computer centres in far-flung villages. His heart went out to residents of a slum, declared illegal in the state capital of Ranchi, and he fought tooth and nail for their rehabilitation.

In the Upper House too, he raised questions on the status of health and education in Jharkhand and expressed concern about the literacy and dropout rates, mid-day meals, problems faced by state universities and colleges, as well as other issues related to basic infrastructure like power, road and drinking water. Apart from Jharkhand, he also proactively discussed steps taken by the government for various wildlife related issues, vacancies in the judiciary across the country, among hundreds of other issues.

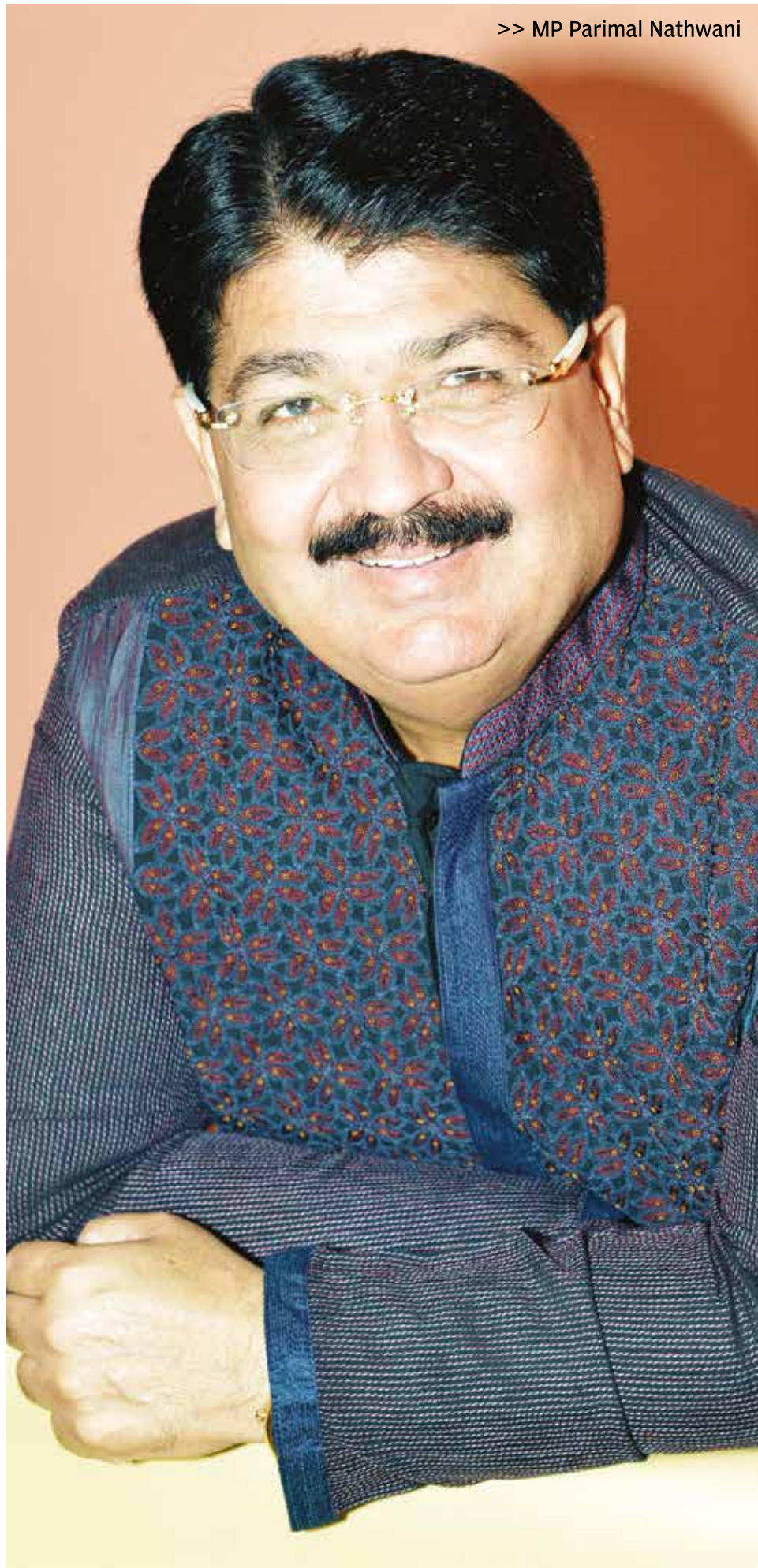
Mr Nathwani's empathy with his people has made him one of the most loved and adored MPs of the state, setting an example that it was only the intent that mattered - nothing more!

This Coffee Table Book titled, 'Adorable & Admirable: Parimal Nathwani' is a fitting tribute to his hard work and diligence as a sincere Parliamentarian.

I wish him all the best in life.

Sudha Natrajan
Director
The Times Group

>> MP Parimal Nathwani



AN ARCHITECT OF HIS OWN DESTINY

Life was not a bed of roses for MP Parimal Nathwani initially. Being a man of grit and determination, he overcame all hurdles, however, to take on the corporate world. A parliamentarian par excellence, Nathwani's mantra in life has been to serve humanity

A

n unshakeable devotee of Lord Krishna, a focused hi-flyer and a humanitarian, Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand and senior group president at Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Parimal Nathwani has been like the proverbial phoenix, that rose from the ashes, to storm the corporate world and later transform human lives in the form of a messiah.

Having experienced a roller coaster ride to reach the zenith of his career, both as a political leader and a corporate honcho, patience and humility remain the biggest virtues of his personality. “When I go home after various closed-door meetings and personal interactions with Mukesh *bhai* and Nita *bhabhi* (Mukesh and Nita Ambani), or any eminent politician, my routine is no different from any other ordinary person,” he had said once in an interview.

A MAN OF GRIT

For a person whose life’s catchphrase has been “Believe in the Almighty, take chances and do not settle”, Nathwani has had his share of struggles in his initial days. Born to humble parents in a small town, Jam Khambalia, of Devbhoomi Dwarka district in Gujarat on February 1, 1956, he displayed a passion for cricket and movies as a child. Academics were never his priority, which often frustrated his parents. Nathwani recollects that he once even bunked his annual exams to watch a test match between India and West Indies in Mumbai. His frenzied craze for cricket led him to play the famous Kanga League in Mumbai during his college days. An eye injury from a cricket ball, however, stalled his cricketing career, but love and passion

for the game led him to become the senior vice-president of Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA). He proved a key person, along with union home minister Amit Shah, to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream to create the world’s largest cricket stadium at Motera in Gujarat.

A determination to evolve as an entrepreneur like none other than Dhirubhai Ambani (whom he considered his mentor) made him stand apart from the crowd. His father was a wholesale textile trader in Mumbai but he never wanted to join him. “I became an architect of my fortune,” says Nathwani. With zero capital in hand, Nathwani, still a college student, began his first entrepreneurial venture as a dealer in cold drinks of a famed company. His father at that time would have nothing to do with his entrepreneurial venture, refusing to give him space in his office or even a vehicle, since he did not think much of the dealership business.

Hence, with care thrown to the winds, the young Nathwani decided to fight his battle alone. From selling soaps to donning the cap of a stock broker in Baroda, he simply refused to give up.

Lady Luck, however, smiled on him when he got a call from industrialist Dhirubhai Ambani and he met the family for the first time in 1995.

Having heard about him from one of his cousins, Dhirubhai Ambani chose Nathwani to negotiate with farmers of Jamnagar, Gujarat, who were reluctant to give up their land totaling to 10,000 acres,

“I believe that man is the architect of his own destiny, and patience is a virtue that seldom disappoints.”

— Parimal Nathwani

for Ambani's upcoming refinery there. Overwhelmed by the first meeting, yet too young and inexperienced to clinch the land acquisition deal, Nathwani's only weapons were his will and grit. After meeting the farmers, he realised it was a lack of trust which came between them and the corporates. Slowly but surely, he was able to convince them to give up their land for the project under a peaceful land acquisition deal. Not only this, he was also able to crack a deal for 400 properties on ownership basis and 1,200 on lease, for the said project.

Pleased with young Nathwani's achievements, Dhirubhai made him an integral part of Reliance Industries Limited and appointed him in-charge of the Jamnagar refinery. After this, there was no looking back for Nathwani. He

went from strength to strength and graduated to become the face of Reliance in Gujarat.

POLITICAL VENTURE

Unlike his professional career, Nathwani stumbled into the political arena accidentally, though he proved to be far superior to the general flock of politicians. He happened to visit Ranchi to resolve a land dispute of Reliance Retail, close to the Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand in 2008. The concerned lawyer, who was engaged with a few legislators in connection with the elections, asked him if he would be interested in contesting, when Nathwani went to meet him. He decided there and then to take the plunge, and that became another turning point in his life. After completing all formalities related to the election, Nathwani

“Winning the prestigious Rajya Sabha seat in March 2008 is a personal milestone. An alien land for me, Ranchi encapsulated India's dichotomy in the real sense of the word. At the risk of sounding immodest, I must admit that I'm the first Rajya Sabha MP to live up to my promise by establishing an office in the region.”

– Parimal Nathwani



>> Parimal Nathwani filing his nomination for assembly elections in 1995 from his native Jam Khambhalia, which he withdrew later on



>> Nathwani with his mentor Dhirubhai Ambani



>> Nathwani with Dhirubhai Ambani

informed Mukesh *bhai* about his decision, at the same time feeling guilty for not having taken his permission earlier.

His responsibilities increased manifold when Mukesh Ambani told him that his victory or defeat would be that of Reliance and his (Mukesh's). Nathwani was, however, not one to give up on challenges, and with 'Dwarkadhish' by his side, he won the elections, not just once, but also for a second term in 2014.

He has been a Parliamentarian par excellence since then, not only for having asked the maximum number of questions related to Jharkhand's development and people, but also for judiciously utilising his

MP Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund in various sectors like roads, toilets, power, education, skill development and health. Though criticised for being an outsider, who would have little or no empathy for the people of Jharkhand, Nathwani, on the contrary, lived up to his promise and became the first Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand to open an office in the state capital where hundreds of people met him with their grievances.

Being the head of RIL Jamnagar's CSR activities, it was easy for him to understand people's issues as an MP. He constructed model villages, which became path-breakers and set benchmarks for others to follow. The soft side of his nature can be gauged from



>> In conversation with Honourable PM and the then CM of Gujarat Narendra Modi



>> With RIL Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani



>> At Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium, Ranchi on the occasion of Momentum Jharkhand

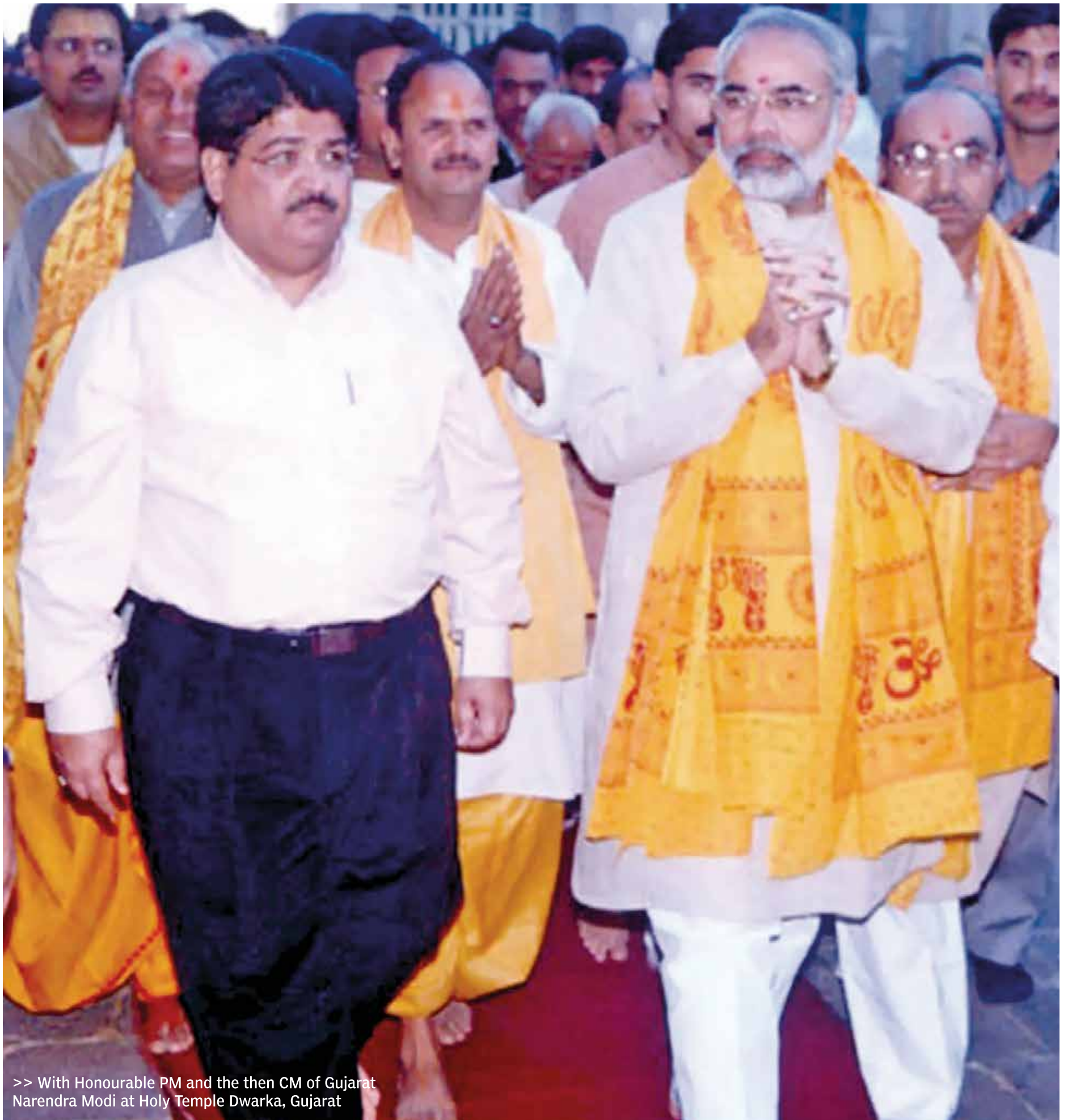
“Reliance has been fully supportive of my work in Jharkhand. Managing my time, with my work at Reliance and with my tenure as MP, wouldn’t have been possible without Mukeshbhai’s support.”

– Parimal Nathwani

the pain he took to beautify the crematorium in Ranchi, which proved to be a mood lifter for the hundreds of bereaved people, who come to cremate their loved ones every day.

The MP shares, “Veterans like B K Gadhi, Sagar Ryka, Chiman Mehta and Ramjibhai Mavani, among others, were my mentors in nurturing and inspiring my political pursuits.

They inspired me to voice my concern for causes related to Jamnagar and Saurashtra on bigger platforms. Apart from this, I have enjoyed my stint as a freelance journalist in *Gujarati* dailies Samkalin and Madhyantar, among others. My membership in Telephone Advisory Committee and Railway’s DRUCC has earned me the title of ‘Voice of Saurashtra’—something cherished by my peers and me.”



>> With Honourable PM and the then CM of Gujarat Narendra Modi at Holy Temple Dwarka, Gujarat



>> With Honourable CM of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren during dedication of Swarg Dwar, Ranchi

TRYST WITH JHARKHAND

MP Nathwani took up the development work for his constituency on a mission mode, without any fanfare or hype. He has gone about accomplishing his task, silently and efficiently

It was sometime before he had donned the mantle of a Rajya Sabha MP, when Nathwani was on a visit to Ranchi. While crossing the bustling Ratu Road, his car stopped at a traffic signal and he looked at an adjacent building, which was in a deplorable condition. On asking about the dilapidated building, Nathwani learnt it was actually a hospital run by the municipal corporation. He then secretly made a promise to himself to reach out to the hospital. That became his first mission after becoming the Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand. Without any proclamations or announcements, he went about accomplishing his task with his quintessential efficiency.

First on the agenda was to arrange for money, which he accomplished with élan. He then completed all other formalities quickly. He invested ₹1.07 crore in this maiden project of his in Jharkhand, and the result is there for everyone to see. The hospital building, which stood out in a state of disrepair on the Ratu Road, like a sore thumb, was completely razed, rebuilt *de novo*, and got metamorphosed into a multi-storeyed hospital complex. While the foundation stone-laying ceremony for Nathwani's maiden project was held in 2010, the new hospital building was inaugurated on November 16, 2011. The smile of gratification that shone on the faces of the patients who came to find succour here, was reward enough for the newly-elected Rajya Sabha MP.

SUPPORT TO EDUCATION

MP Nathwani's foray into education breathed a new life into the academic careers of many young girls who study at

Mahendra Prasad Women's College located on Circular Road in Ranchi. The students had to face many hurdles in pursuing their education from this college due to a paucity of adequate number of classrooms and the lack of a proper road linking their college to the main road. Moved by their cries of distress, Nathwani came to their aid and first conducted a survey of the institute's campus. Without wasting any time, he sanctioned ₹10 lakh and ensured that new classrooms and a veranda were built for the girl students. He then sanctioned another sum of ₹5 lakh for completing the construction of some half-finished classrooms on the first floor of the college building. When the students requested for his help for getting an access road constructed to their college, Nathwani ensured that a 220-foot-long and nine-foot-wide concrete road was built at a cost of ₹2 lakh. The road connects the college to the nearby main road.

REVAMPING OF MUKTIDHAM

This champion of people's causes then turned his focus towards ensuring that the final rites for departed souls are conducted on a serene and trouble-free campus. Nathwani took up this project when he learnt of sorrows and troubles of the residents of Ranchi while performing last rites for their departed kin. He was quick to come to their aid. He took up refurbishment and rebuilding of the Harmu burning *ghat* as a challenge and allocated a sum of more than ₹1 crore from the MPLADS fund, and also from his personal funds, to initiate the work to rebuild Harmu's Muktidham. First a boundary wall was built and then he ensured that the facility for the burning *ghat* was upgraded and expanded. He not



Following the makeover of Ranchi Municipal Corporation's hospital, the smile of gratitude on the faces of patients was reward enough for MP Nathwani



>> Gathering during dedication of Swarg Dwar, Ranchi



>> Taking round of Swarg Dwar, Ranchi amenities with eminent leader CP Singh and others

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>> At a maiden infrastructure creation
at Ranchi, RMC Hospital

only ensured the cleaning of a big portion of a drain-*nala* flowing adjacent to Muktidham and beautified the premises by transplanting grown up trees, but a waiting hall was also built for the grief-stricken family members and friends, under this project.

ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT

He was not bound by any jurisdiction or other limitations, since Nathwani was the Rajya Sabha MP and could venture into any zone and reach out with his special brand of assistance. Wherever people called out to him for help, complaining about broken roads, lanes and bylanes, Nathwani reached out and ensured that better concrete roads were constructed.

His presence is palpable in all parts of Ranchi and across the state as Nathwani used his MPLADS fund without any discrimination and to the optimum, for the benefit of the masses. His intervention saw not only the construction of PCC roads but also refurbishment of coal-tar pitch roads. His presence at all the inaugural and foundation stone-laying programmes for each of these developmental projects added a vigour to the workers, who were entrusted with the job of smoothening out the path to development. A glowing example of his intervention in this regard is still evident in Ranchi, where a 2.5-km metalled road connects the Jagannathpur Main Road to Sai Temple.

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>> A road to development of Baram-Jaratoli

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RANCHI LAKE

His plan to beautify the Ranchi Lake was received with great enthusiasm by the denizens, who came out in large numbers to help in cleaning up the lake. Once the cleansing was accomplished, Nathwani then initiated a project that saw stairs and ghats being built all around the lake. He knew well that *Chhath Puja* rituals are observed by a huge section of the populace and the festival is celebrated with deep religious fervour, much like *Navratri* in Gujarat. Understanding people's sentiments, he also ensured that *Chhath ghats* were constructed around the lake. In order to guarantee that the lake retains its pristine condition, Nathwani made arrangements to prevent garbage and drain water from flowing into the lake.

PEOPLE'S REWARD

On the occasion of Vidhan Sabha Diwas, the then governor, Dr Sayed Ahmed, honoured Nathwani, along with former chief minister, Arjun Munda, Gomiya MLA, Madhavlal Singh and leader of opposition, Rajendra Singh.



>> Arpan Dwar, Ranchi Lake

>> Felicitation of the winners of the 34th National Games held in Ranchi along with R K Anand, Ex MP & Senior Counsel of Supreme Court, and Prabhat Sinha



His ceaseless efforts for implementing the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme, first in six districts of the state and then expanding its ambit to 44 blocks of Jharkhand, also earned him many accolades. The Jharkhand Students' Association (Jharkhand Chhatra Sangh) lauded his efforts to bring the benefits of the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme to the largest cross-section of Jharkhand's populace. The students expressed their gratitude by meeting the Rajya Sabha MP and gifting a huge banner to him, which contained a letter of gratitude.



>> Skill Development training for village women



>> Interacting with school children

>> Donation of Ambulance to Gunj Parivar, Silli



>> IIM Seminar Hall Exterior



>> IIM Seminar Hall Reception



>> IIM Seminar Hall's Meeting Room



>> IIM Seminar Hall Interior

Seminar Hall at IIM, Ranchi

In a unique contribution for quality education in Jharkhand, Raja Sabha MP Parimal Nathwani has provided ₹13.56 crore for construction of a seminar hall at IIM Ranchi. The construction of the double-storeyed, 600-seating capacity hall, is already under progress. It will be spread in 3,300 square metres. The ground floor of the seminar hall will have 325-seating capacity. A meeting room, dining hall, and a VIP lounge will also be constructed on the ground floor. On the first floor, another 275-seating capacity hall will be constructed. Thus, the seminar hall will be of multi-purpose use for IIM Ranchi. Incidentally, this is the highest financial contribution from Nathwani for a single purpose. People of Ranchi, particularly the management of IIM Ranchi, have expressed their gratitude to their MP for this contribution





IN SUPPORT OF ISLAMNAGAR

A messiah of the under-privileged, Nathwani took the onus of developing a slum, declared to be an encroachment by the administration, and even went to court challenging its demolition

It was a black day on March 9, 2011, when residents of Islamnagar, situated in the heart of Ranchi, got a notice to vacate the land in a day, claiming it to be “encroached”.

The notice came like a bolt from the blue not only for the residents but also for MP Parimal Nathwani who, transcending barriers of religion and community, had made tireless efforts to provide a decent life to them, after having felt the pain behind the lack of basic infrastructural facilities in the colony. Due to technical reasons, spending from his MPLADS fund for this colony was not possible. However, this did not deter the MP. He used ₹1 crore from his personal fund for the betterment of the colony and its people.

As there was lack of clean potable water

in the colony, Nathwani installed a water tank of 1 lakh litre capacity. Creating awareness on cleanliness and hygiene, he had the garbage dumps removed, and in its place, built a beautiful park for the children of the colony. He ensured the complete cleansing of a large drain flowing from the midst of the area and the removal of dirt, and made it worthy of the habitats along its sides. He also had drains and toilets constructed for women, following which the residents got a new lease of life. Health camps were held in the colony, after which Nathwani turned his focus on education.

TESTING TIMES

Children of Islamnagar, being mostly dominated by the minority community, went to the local *madrasas* for education. Nathwani provided infrastructural facilities in the *madrasas* where the children did not even

“I have spared no effort to enhance the living scenario at Islamnagar in Ranchi. The school and the children’s park were renovated.”

— Parimal Nathwani



>> Islamnagar Children Park

have desks and benches to sit on. He also donated sports and gym equipment and beautified the madrasas with various kinds of plantations. He participated in the celebration of Independence Day and Republic Day with Islamnagar children.

Nathwani's dreams were, however, shattered when the residents were asked to evacuate within a day and they did not know where to go.

"Islamnagar in Ranchi was declared an encroachment in 2011 — a slum, which I was determined to turn into a garbage-free zone. Nevertheless, the slum was bulldozed, rendering 444 families homeless," the MP recalled.

HISTORY OF THE COLONY

Islamnagar, a colony of 1,275 families, was taken over by the then government in 1959, for building the Indian School of Science, along with a few other institutes, but it did not take shape for several years.



>> Children Park overview



>> The madrasa was renovated and a Children's Park was built by MP Nathwani at Islamnagar





>> A water tank of 1 lakh litre capacity installed at Islamnagar by MP Nathwani



>> With children in Islamnagar along with Nusrat Jahan

Nathwani, in the meantime, wrote a complaint to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in 2011 against the displacement. He urged the Commission to (1) provide the displaced persons with immediate shelter, (2) make necessary arrangements for food and water supply, along with medical care, (3) order appropriate compensation for the kin of the deceased, as two people were killed by the police and one died in the vegetable market during the demolition process. "Reasonable compensation should be given to their family members to survive," he urged. Another four or five people died from shock due to the demolition. And (4) provide compensation to the injured people. In response to the complaint the NHRC served a show-cause notice to the government in 2013, on the points raised in the complaint.

"A friend (Dushyant Dave) joined the crusade and our efforts paid dividends. High court has passed an order for the allocation of houses to 336 families. Our endeavour will not end until we can provide roofs for the 444 families, who lost their houses. I hope that my countrymen will take up the cudgels against the wrong-doing and ensure that their fellowmen get a roof over them once again," he said.



>> Dharna Pradarsahan in support of displaced people

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Following a communal riot in 1967, many families from the minority community started settling there, which was vacant till then. These families had a hand-to-mouth existence, with most of them pulling rickshaws or selling vegetables for a livelihood. The power and water connections had been provided to them legally. Then, suddenly, the government

decided to evict the residents and the entire colony was demolished.

LEGAL BATTLE

The MP, however, was not one to give up and decided to fight it out in court. He engaged a lawyer, Dushyant Dave, and the high court finally ordered the government to rehabilitate the displaced resi-

dents. In July 2018, the cabinet sanctioned ₹33.04 crore for constructing houses for the beneficiaries, who were identified by the district administration as 344 families only. The Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company (JUIDCO) is now in the process of completing 222 housing units, though none of the families have shifted there yet.



>> Construction of toilets for ladies of Islamnagar



>> With children of Islamnagar



>> Addressing students and residents of Islamnagar

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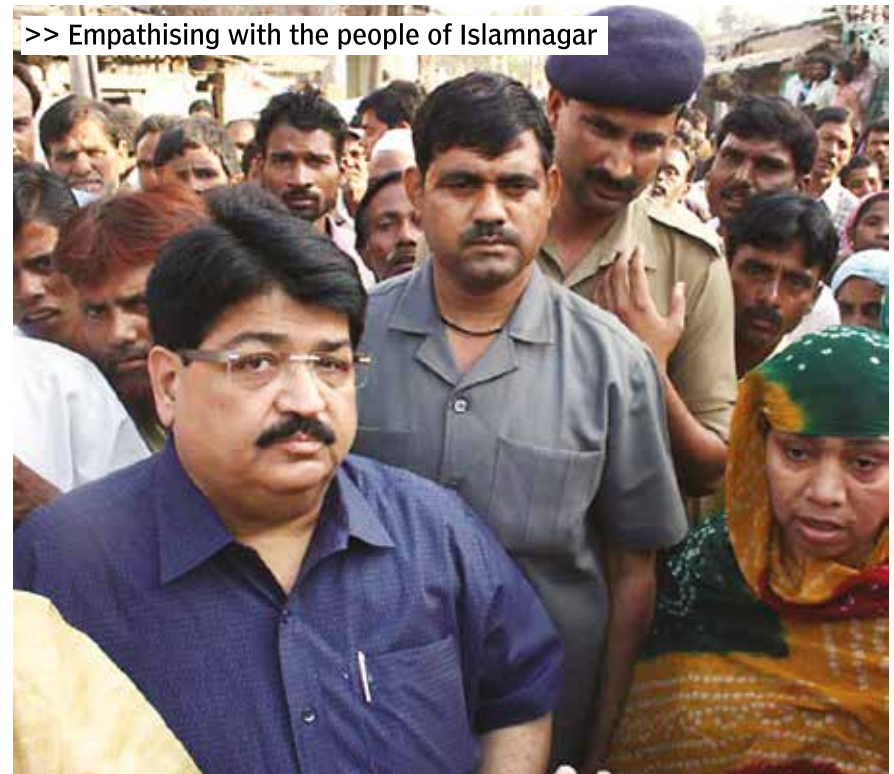
>> Felicitating the students of Islamnagar



>> Visit to Islamnagar along with Mohammad Shakeel



>> Empathising with the people of Islamnagar





>> Asfi, a girl child from Islamnagar releasing Parimal Nathwani's coffee table book: *Jharkhand Meri Karmabhoomi*

Story of Asfi Parvin

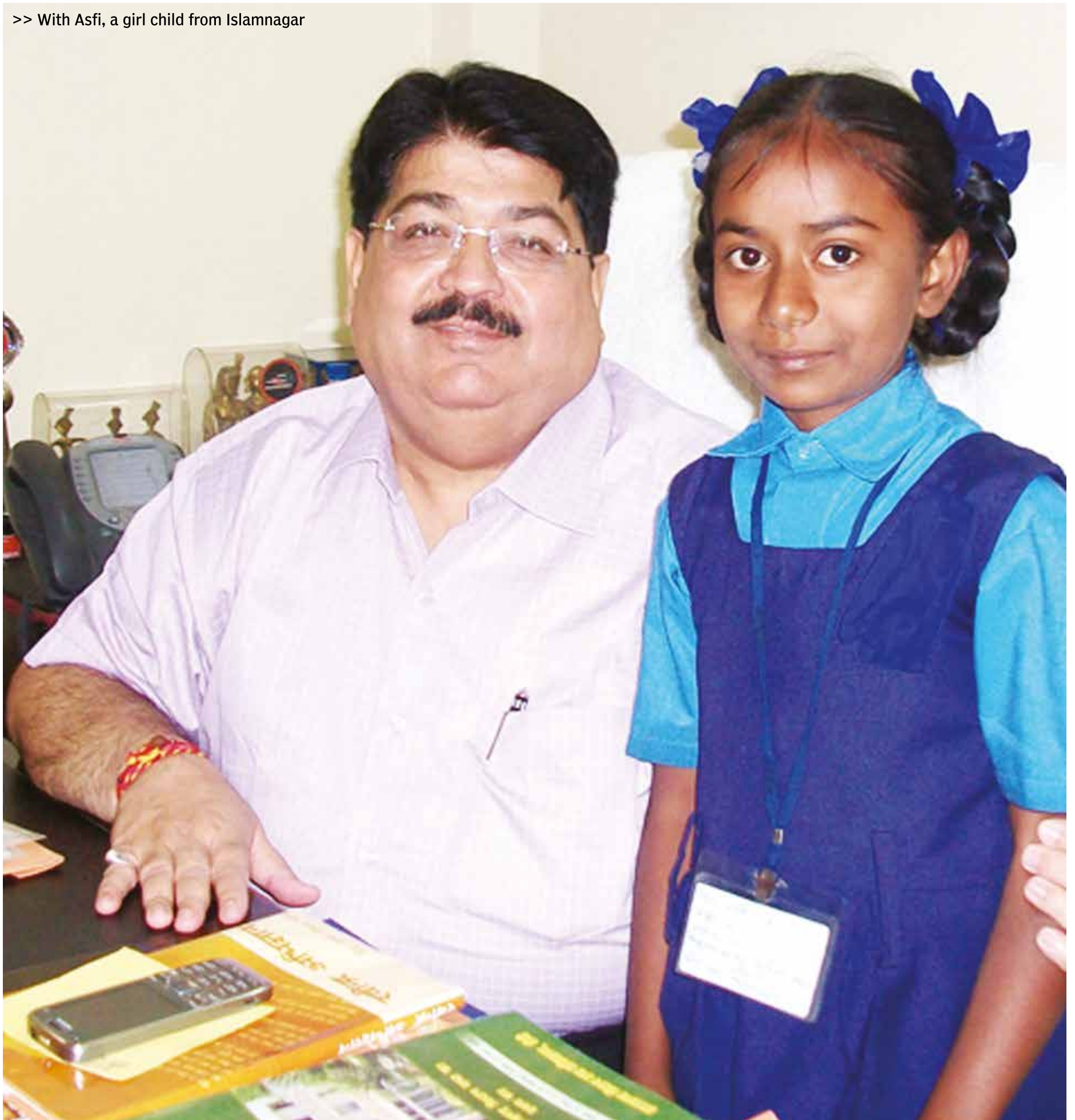
Parimal Nathwani had initiated some community development activities in Islamnagar like cleaning of the drain, removal of garbage from the Children Park ground and its grading, levelling etc. He was invited for a Republic Day celebration in 2010 at Islamnagar as he happened to be in Ranchi those days. Large number of school children with glittering faces and patriotic enthusiasm in their hearts had assembled there.

Asfi Parvin, a student of Class 3 narrated role of Bapu (Mahatma Gandhi) and Ba (Kasturba) in freedom struggle and emancipation of poor and downtrodden from social evils. Her poetic recital flabbergasted Parimal Nathwani. He was impressed with the expression, preparation and potential of the little girl. On enquiring, he found that the girl belonged to such a poor family that her parents could hardly support Asfi's education till middle school!

He decided on the spot to adopt the girl for her education. Asfi today is a student of B.Com. first year in Marwadi College. She cleared her 10+2 schooling from Ursuline Convent School, Ranchi.

In series of initiatives Nathwani took in areas of education, this is one of the most noble one but he is too modest and humble to speak about it!

>> With Asfi, a girl child from Islamnagar





TRAIL-BLAZER FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED AND TRIBALS

MP Parimal Nathwani has a special place in his heart for the under-privileged and tribals of Jharkhand. As such, he not only adopted and developed several tribal villages, but also drew up a priority list to resolve their problems

Blessed with a multifarious personality, he has many feathers in his cap and is credited with holding many portfolios in the corporate and political world, but the tribals of Jharkhand are the closest to the heart of Rajya Sabha MP, Parimal Nathwani. This corporate honcho from Gujarat, who has made his mark as the face of Reliance Industries in the western state, holds the smiles he brought on lakhs of tribal faces, the dearest of all his achievements as an MP from Jharkhand.

Nathwani has chartered the course of development in numerous tribal hamlets across Jharkhand and has pooled in all the resources he had at his disposal under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). After being elected as the Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand, Nathwani took it upon himself to fast-track development projects, and his dedication to the cause saw him take several solo tours to far-flung tribal villages in the state. At each of the destinations he visited, he met local residents, empathised with their problems, understood their needs and then drew up a priority list that was focused on alleviating their troubles.

The driving force behind his tireless efforts to better the lives of the masses is his compassion for the people who need help. He says, “I feel the happiest when I am able to devote all my resources for the assistance of people, to see the smile on their faces.”

ADIVASI HOSTEL

When appeals of students from the

Adivasi hostel in Karamtoli, Ranchi, drew his attention, Nathwani rushed to their aid. The students of this hostel dreamt of a library within the multi-storeyed complex. On visiting the students’ hostel, Nathwani immediately sanctioned the construction of a library complex on the campus. He did not, however, stop there. The remaining of the sanctioned fund was then diverted towards the expansion of the second floor of the hostel. When that was accomplished, the philanthropist dipped into his personal funds to gift the students with a glowing academic future — he launched an English speaking course and also hired a tutor who would help the students prepare for competitive exams.

MESSIAH OF UNDER-PRIVILEGED

Cutting across all boundaries and rushing to the aid of people in need has been his forte. Be it a students’ hostel or a *Sarna Sthal* (a tribal place of worship), Nathwani has always been at the forefront, lending a helping hand and providing yeoman’s service to the local populace. He also made a significant contribution in conserving the tribal culture through a variety of projects, like the construction of a community hall in Harmu.

Endowed with the rare attribute of bonding with people from all walks of life, Nathwani has fulfilled the essential requirement for a public representative with élan. Through his philanthropic outreach programmes Nathwani has established an indelible bond with the local residents. Time and again, he has shown great interest and undertaken unique initiatives towards the preservation of the unique cultural identity of Jharkhand.

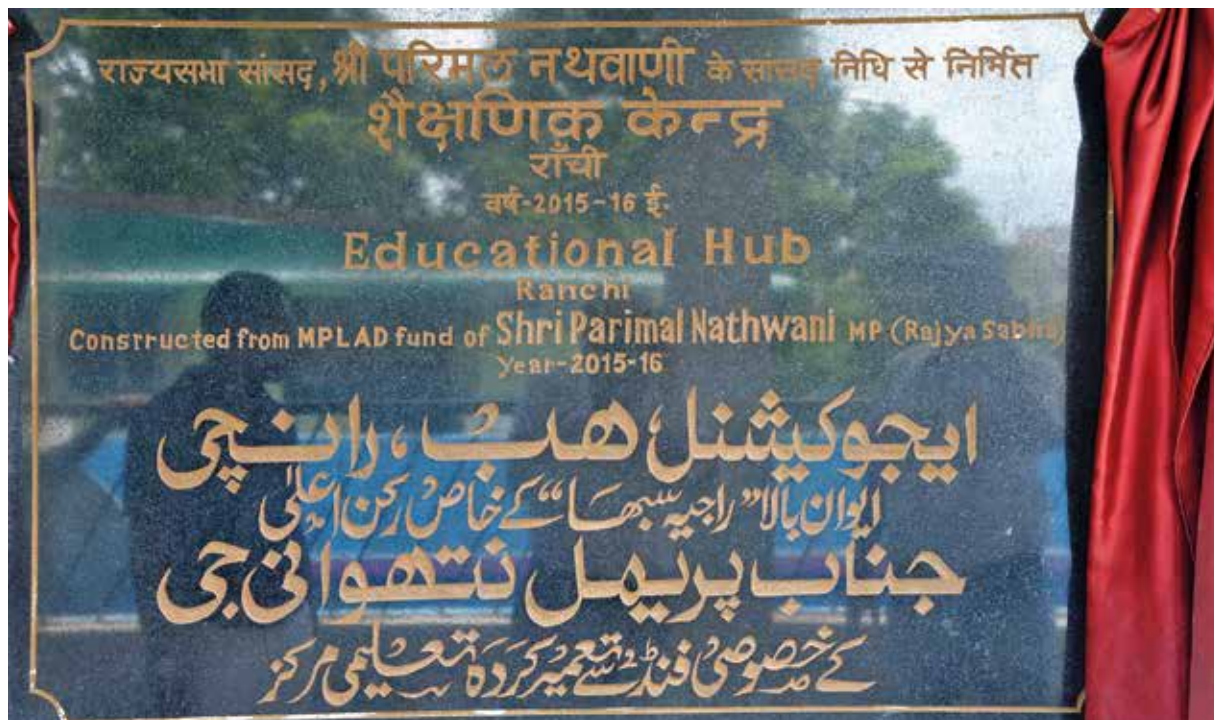
MP Nathwani has chartered the course of development in numerous tribal hamlets across Jharkhand and pooled in all the resources he had at his disposal, under MPLADS

IDRISIA BHAVAN

In a major breakthrough to support Idrisia Community of Jharkhand, Nathwani has provided for ₹63 lakh for a 2-story Idrisia Bhavan in Ranchi, the construction of which is in progress



>> Library of Educational Hub at Ranchi



>> A trilingual Plaque of Educational Hub, Ranchi

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

In sync with the technological advances of the times, Nathwani distributed no less than 705 solar lamps among people residing in various blocks — Kanke, Namkum, Ormajhi, Ranchi, Nagri, Sonahatu, and Bundu. His objective behind this move was to ensure that the children have light to study during the nights and the women are able to do their work after sundown without hindrance. In order to open new vistas to the villagers, he also gifted television sets to enable the people to keep abreast with news and knowledge from across the country and the world.

Wherever he went, he left behind an indelible impact of his brand of development. One day he happened to visit the Ulidih village in Hahap panchayat of Namkum block and was moved by the pitiable condition in which the villagers were forced to live in. On the very day he took a pledge to transform the village, and

being a man of his word, the villagers saw his promise of a better future being fulfilled before their eyes. The Ulidih village school, that was haunted by the bane of limited room space, soon got new rooms, which were quickly filled by the buzz typical to classrooms full of students and teachers. Winds of change swept through the village as a community building was constructed, the roads got a culvert and guard walls were constructed along the check dams. The people hailed this man of development who had changed the face of Ulidih forever.

BUILDING ROADS

Roads have been always described as the lifelines for any civilization and it is in this direction that Nathwani made significant contributions because deplorable condition of roads had proved to be the bane of many villages in Jharkhand. Be it to bring farm produce to cities or to help a critical patient beat death by reaching the nearest hospital

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>> School kids sitting on the benches donated to a primary school in Ranchi



>> Students and villagers at village school in Puto



>> A village woman exhibits mushroom grown by her as a part of skill development programme at Jaratoli

>> Library at Tribal Hostel in Karamtoli



>> Tribal Hostel Building at Karamtoli

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Nathwani knew well the important role that seamless road connectivity played in bringing development to any rural or urban settlement. His tireless efforts bore fruit as he sanctioned Rs 2 crore from his MPLADS fund to ensure construction of 29 PCC roads



>> Inaugural function of Kartik Oraon Adivasi Bal Vikas Vidyalaya at Ghagra, Gumla



>> Visit to Government School Building, Baram, built from MPLAD Fund

What appeared to be a distant dream four years ago, became a reality for the people. Wherever Nathwani went, he left his indelible brand of development



>> Women and children for a social function at Community Hall in Jaratoli



>> Villagers' meeting place: Akhra at Rendo

on time, roads were always the first requirement for any charter of development. He knew well the important role that seamless road connectivity played in bringing development to any rural or urban settlement. His tireless efforts bore fruit as he sanctioned ₹2 crore from his MPLADS to ensure construction of 29 PCC roads connecting various villages in Jharkhand. What had seemed like a distant dream just four years back has turned into a reality today, as it has now become possible to drive up to these villages in four-wheelers. It is his firm belief that road connectivity brings financial well-being even to the most remote villages and also sparks off a positive transformation in social and cultural ambits of any populace. These roads are not just pathways; they are in fact the integration of these people to the mainstream.



>> Timbu Oraon in playful mood with school children

Timbu Oraon: When dacoit Valiyo turns Valmiki



“I am Timbu Oraon, native of village Badri of block Ghaghra in Gumla district. I studied in the village but in absence of any guidance for social uplift of poor, joined Naxal movement. Eventually I realised the futility of Naxal activities for social good. I therefore abandoned Naxalism and surrendered before police. When I came out of prison, subsequent to conclusion of my jail term, I was totally directionless. I was anxious to contribute something meaningful and fruitful for our society, but I didn't know how to go about it.

One day I happened to meet Dr Arun Oraon, ex-IG during meeting of Tribal Council. He introduced me to B. Vijay Murthy, editor of the Hindustan Times. He was pleased to know about my thinking and anxiety. He encouraged me and took me to Parimal Nathwaniji.

Nathwani Sir also was happy to learn about my thoughts and assured me of his support and help. I was fortunate to meet a simple, affable and unassuming person in Nathwani Sir. He showed me a new direction that day. He constructed a school in my village from his fund where more than 400 children study now! He encouraged me to work for people and represent them. This helped me in becoming

Village Head with thumping majority in 2010. He continued supporting and encouraging me because of which I organise health camps in my village from time to time with his help. I get charged up whenever I meet him and feel energised. I progressed because of motivation from him and became a member of District Panchayat in 2015.

Nathwani Sir keeps helping me because of which our rural area has an exclusive ambulance. He even supported construction of toilets in Tana Bhagat Inter College. He promoted education by giving funds for the school.

Whatever I am today, whatever I am able to do for social good today; is just because of Nathwani Sir who is my Guru, my guide, my mentor and what not!”

Story of Timbu Oraon, a Naxalite turned Social Worker, resembles with and reminds us of ancient Sage Valmiki who was a ghastly dacoit in his early life. A chance meeting with Naradji transformed him into a passionate person who wrote *Ramayana*, the all-time great epic!

(Adapted, abridged and edited from Timbu Oraon's own version described in Hindi)



>> Vijay Murthy, Timbu Oraon and MP Parimal Nathwani



>> Timbu Oraon greeting MP Parimal Nathwani



>> In proximity with nature and school children



>> Lending ears to the villagers

MODEL PANCHAYATS UNDER SAGY

MP Parimal Nathwani, the changemaker, has ever been restless to improve the lives of people living in the villages of his constituency. Realising they were deprived of basic infrastructure, the MP did his best to upgrade their lives

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or residents of Baram-Jaratoli, Patratu, Chuttu and Barwadag panchayats of Ranchi district, two-time Rajya Sabha MP, Parimal Nathwani is a godfather-like figure who came, saw and conquered the deprived and god-forsaken villages, gifting them, by way of infrastructure and amenities, with whatever they could wish for.

JARATOLI-BARAM

Located 18 kilometres from the state capital, Jaratoli-Baram panchayat today, has donned the mantle of a township, bustling with activity. The infrastructure-abled panchayat is now dotted with drinking water facilities and toilet blocks, schools, community and skill development centres, health centres, children's park, and even a legal services clinic apart from grocery and poultry shops. The youth, especially women from the villages and peripheries, either are busy training in computer and tailoring classes or those engaged in agriculture, primarily paddy, are seen drying their freshly thrashed rice on the pucca, concrete roads. Baram also has 15 women self-help groups (SHGs), which have benefitted them enormously.

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FIT CASES FOR ADOPTION

The Baram-Jaratoli panchayat is primarily tribal dominated with a population of 5,000 people in Baram and another 1,200 in Jaratoli. Most of the residents here eke out a living by working as labourers in the state capital or its peripheries. The villages, prior to 2014 were however, a picture of backwardness where basic infrastructure, like roads, health and education, was missing. There was also an acute scarcity of drinking water and sanitation in the panchayat. Though there was a government primary school, it was in miserable shape. A dilapidated building, with lack of basic infrastructure, necessary for the overall personality development of children, was all that the school could offer.

A survey of the panchayat by the MP set him thinking on ways to improve the lives of the residents and the idea of adoption of the Jaratoli-Baram panchayat, under SAGY, germinated.

“Ever since I got elected to the Rajya Sabha from Jharkhand in 2008, I have considered Jharkhand as my *karmabhoomi*. As a Member of Parliament, I work for welfare of the people in my own modest way. The focus of my work has been to help, support and empower tribals and minorities in particular, and the people in general.”

MODEL VILLAGES

The landscape has undergone a sea-change and lives of the people living

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>> Sewing Training Centre at Bararm

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there, have been completely transformed post 2014, after Nathwani adopted the panchayat under Namkom block of Ranchi district during his second term as MP. “This is a panchayat which can be used as a model by the government for developing any other similarly under-developed panchayat,” said Rakesh, a government official.

To start with, constructing roads and small bridges were taken up on a war footing as a priority agenda for development. Nathwani felt roads were the lifeline of any civil society. As a result, a total of 11 intra and inner roads were built, which included the approach road to Jaratoli. Roads connecting to the interior hamlets were also constructed.

Apart from work done under SAGY from MPLAD fund, the state rural development department also plunged into the work, initiated by Nathwani. The department took up construction of the 22 km long Ranchi-Purulia road from Aara Gate to Garudpidi via Mariam-Rajaulatu in Baram panchayat while another two km road from the Sarla Birla school in Ranchi to Jaratoli was also constructed. In yet another departmental work, initiated by the MP, a 1.5 km road from Bhagat toli to Jaratoli was constructed. Nathwani devoted equal attention to constructing small bridges and culverts in the panchayat.

Community hall: Villagers at Jaratoli-Baram panchayat had no meeting place

for any celebration or village congregations. Hence under SAGY, the MP built a 4,800 square feet multi-purpose community hall, complete with a television set, at a cost of Rs 27.37 lakh. The hall serves many purposes like training centre, health camp venue, celebrations and any other kind of meeting, related to social work. The TV installed in the hall not only serves as a medium of entertainment now, both for the young and old, but helps the residents keep themselves informed about the outside world or current affairs.

“We use this hall for celebrating our festivals and other occasions of national importance like Republic day or Independence Day,” said Jatri Tirkey, who praised and thanked Nathwani from the core of her heart for ushering development in the village. “This is like a dream come true,” she said.

Focussed on personality development of children of the panchayat in which academics and extra-curricular activities went hand in hand, Nathwani built a children’s park in Jaratoli which has playing amenities like swings, slides, and seesaw. The park now looks beautiful with trees and murals adorning the walls. The peals of juvenile laughter and glee, now reverberates in this facility.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Steeped in illiteracy and superstition, residents of this panchayat always turned to witchcraft and witch doctors for health remedies. Due to lack of health centres and professional doctors, health care continued to elude them. The MP, taking care of their health issues too, launched free diagnosis and medical care camps where free medicines are also distributed amongst them. Apart from

this, a health sub-centre in Jaratoli village has also been built at a cost of Rs 14.95 lakh, complete with toilet blocks and other facilities. To ferry patients in critical condition, to better health facilities, two air-conditioned ambulances were donated by the MP, one each for Baram and Jaratoli at a cost of Rs 13 lakh. The ambulances are equipped with oxygen cylinders too.

SWACCHATA

Open defecation has been the bane for total cleanliness and sanitation of the country and the state, for which the Swachha Bharat campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Jaratoli-Baram panchayat was no exception. Nathwani built two toilet blocks with overhead water tanks in Jaratoli which also have facilities for bathing. Two separate blocks for girls and boys have been built at the Upgraded



>> Promoting cleanliness among villagers through Swachchha Bharat Mission at Chuttu

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>> Lamp lighting at Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Inclusive Justice Centre at Baram with the then CM of Jharkhand, Raghubar Das, and Justice D N Patel

>> Inauguration of Inclusive Justice Centre at Baram along with the then Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, Aniruddha Bose, Justice D N Patel, the then CM of Jharkhand, Raghubar Das and Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh



>> Inclusive Justice Centre at Baram



Inclusive justice centre

'Samaveshi Nyay Sadan', an inclusive justice centre has been constructed at Jaratoli village in Baram panchayat under SAGY. This is the first legal services clinic of its kind in Jharkhand. The clinic, set up by Nathwani in association with Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), is a one stop centre to ensure easy and free access for legal aid to women, children, differently-abled people, prisoners and to all those belonging to the most marginalised sections of society.

The centre was constructed on 3,000 sq. ft. area at an approximate cost of Rs. 75 lakh. Foundation stone of the clinic was laid in November 2016. Constructed and ready in record time of less than two years, the centre was inaugurated in August 2018.

The two-storey Samaveshi Nyay Sadan building has one chamber for the judge and two chambers for lawyers on the ground floor. It also has waiting lounge for ladies and gents with toilet blocks, entrance foyer, notice board space, record room and pantry. On the first floor, there are auditorium/ conference room/counseling class room, along with two rooms for volunteers and toilet blocks. The centre is provided with furniture needed for the day to day operations along with internet connectivity. The premise has paved parking area to accommodate two cars and several two-wheelers.

This centre enhances the status of Baram panchayat as a unique model village



>> Visit to Panchayat Office building constructed as part of SAGY at Baram along with Gunjan Seth



>> Handing over bicycle to a girl child during a function at Baram

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>> With Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh at a community hall at Baram

Secondary High school in Jaratoli-Baram too.

The total cost of building sanitation infrastructure is Rs 15.50 lakh. In the panchayat, 688 individual toilets have so far been completed. “The toilets built here have come as a blessing to us, since earlier we had to go out in the open. All villagers use the toilet and there is no scarcity of water,” said Sunita Kacchap of Baram.

Drinking water: In the villages which did not have potable water facilities, deep boring has been done in 14 places at the panchayat. The panchayat now has multiple taps and overhead tanks and a water pipeline network has also been set up for accessibility to tap water at a total cost of Rs 51.21 lakh. Now water is available at the residents’ doorstep, thanks to the initiatives of the MP.



>> Inspection of community toilet constructed under SAGY at Jaratoli



>> Girl students learning computer skills at Jaratoli Sabha Ghar

EDUCATION

Nathwani in his initiative to give a boost to the education drive of the state government, decided to take up development work at the Baram, Tatisilway Primary school, which was in a shambles in terms of infrastructure. Accordingly, two floors, namely the ground and first floors were constructed along with toilet, boundary wall toilet blocks and other related facilities, under SAGY from MPLAD fund. Additionally, a



>> At children's park in Jaratoli with Apurva Virani

borewell was dug and landscaping of the school done. Both teachers and students were extremely happy on their school's new look and makeover enabling them to have a conducive environment for learning.

Under the aegis of the state education department and the MP's initiative, a three- storeyed model school is under construction in Baram panchayat.

PLANTATION

Nathwani next took up the onus of a green panchayat for a clean and pollution-free environment and for this, special awareness drives were launched. In one of such campaigns, fruit, medicinal and wood trees were planted, with the help of the state government. As many as 550 plants were distributed among villagers and bamboo gabions were used for another 750 plants along the main roads.

Villagers were encouraged to develop organic kitchen gardens. Reliance Foundation helped develop a special nutrition garden model and 3-4 such models are already being developed under SAGY. Villagers were encouraged to make use of modern agricultural tools and methods like drip irrigation, poly green house, dairy development etc. Ground nut, paddy and pulse seeds were also given to farmers of the panchayat.

The nutrition gardens are made in radial design, suitable to the space available on which leafy vegetables, fruits etc. can be



>> Tree plantation along side the Sarla Birla School road to Baram



>> School constructed under SAGY at Baram

grown. Use of farm yard manure like cow dung and urine, dry leaves, chopped biomass etc., was encouraged. The yield cycle in these gardens is of 45 days and a family can reap more than two kgs of vegetables per day, from these. More than 25 youths of the village have been trained to take forward this initiative.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

To upgrade villagers in technology and make the youth skilled too, a free computer training programme was initiated by the MP under SAGY at Baram panchayat. As many as 10 computers were set up along with internet connectivity. This was a job-oriented programme in which the youth could train and equip themselves for employment. The centre has now become a facilitation unit where villagers are able to get benefits of government schemes.

Poonam Toppo, trainer at the Baram computer training centre said the centre

now has 18 boys and girls who train in two batches. Having trained from the centre herself, Toppo, a post-graduate said it was a six-month free training course. Neha Kachhap, a matriculate who is training in MS Word said her aim is to get a job in the city after passing out of the centre. “The training is free, which is a boon to us,” she said.

Similarly, the tailoring centre in the village, supported by Khadi board has come as a blessing for the women of the panchayat. Under the guidelines of Khadi board, these women are trained free in sewing shirts, *kurtis* etc. and they also receive a stipend of ₹150 per day from here. They can also buy the sewing machines, after paying a nominal percentage of the total cost, from the board. Rachna Kachhap at the centre said, “After training here I will get work at the Irba weaving centre near Ranchi.” Others said they would like to open their own tailoring shops in the village.

LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

After taking care of the infrastructural facilities of the panchayat, Nathwani turned towards the other significant aspect of village life and that was legal aid. Like in any village, villagers have to travel a long way to district headquarters to have their legal problems solved. So, the MP thought of bringing legal aid at the doorsteps of the residents of the Baram panchayat.

On November 7, 2016, former chief minister, Raghubar Das laid the foundation stone of the Legal services clinic at Baram-Jaratoli under Baram panchayat. Today a shining legal service clinic, built by Nathwani under SAGY, in association with Jharkhand State Legal Service Authority (JHALSA), stands proud in Baram. It is a one-stop centre to provide free access to legal aid to men and women, differently-abled people, prisoners and others from the weaker sections of society.

“I am pleased to announce the first Legal



>> Interaction with students at computer centre at Jaratoli

service clinic in Baram panchayat, which has been adopted by me under SAGY. This is one of the humble efforts to realise the dream and vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi about model villages." (Nathwani's speech during ground-breaking ceremony)

The two-storeyed centre has been built on 3,000 square feet at a cost of Rs 75 lakh. It has a judge's chamber and two more chambers for lawyers. Complete with a waiting visitor lounge with toilets, entrance foyer, notice boards, record room

and pantry, the building also has an auditorium, library, conference or counselling room along with separate rooms for volunteers and toilet blocks. Computers with internet connection, furniture and parking area have also been provided by the MP.

SOLAR LIGHTS

Another significant contribution by the MP under the SAGY has been installation of solar lights in the panchayat. As many as 75 solar street lights have been

installed at vantage points of the village, on 20 feet high galvanised poles, run on 75-watt solar panel.

GOVT. WORK

The village has two anganwadi centres and the state's rural development department has also repaired the Baram panchayat bhavan. Check dams, and ponds in Baram panchayat have been constructed by the state government and villagers are hopeful that this will raise the water table of the villages. Apart from



>> Girl students of Baram- Jaratoli participate in *swachhata* awareness drive



>> Nutrition Garden: an initiative to make villagers self-reliant in family nutrition needs



>> Erecting the gabiion structure for protecting tree plantation

this, state government authorities were pursued to provide PDS cards to the villagers and also allocate houses under Indira Awas Yojna. More than a 100 of such houses have already been given to them.

CHUTTU PANCHAYAT

After Jaratoli-Baram panchayat, Nathwani adopted Chuttu panchayat at Kanke block of Ranchi district under SAGY in 2018, where he once again set the pace of development at a cost of ₹2.86 crore for improving the lives of its residents. Chuttu was the second among three villages adopted, Barwadag being the third one.

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Like in Jaratoli-Baram panchayat, attention has also been given to skill development in Chuttu under SAGY, for which a computer training centre has been developed at the community centre. Classes for sewing and beekeeping have been started and pottery training is being imparted with the help of Khadi Gram Udyog board.

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>> Sewing Training Center at Baram Sabha Ghar



>> Wood Craft training for women of Chakulia-Barahgoda under a Special Entrepreneurship Programme

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>>MP Nathwani inspects a paver block in Baram



>> Chapakal

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>> Motivating students

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“The computer centre will help the youth to keep pace with the outside world. The cottage skills will enable the villagers to look for alternate employment in addition to their traditional means of livelihood.”

In Chuttu more than 600 toilets have been constructed under the Swacch Bharat Mission for individual households, and a boundary wall surrounding the tribal crematorium here has also been built. Air-conditioned ambulances and multi- purpose community hall have also been provided by the MP.

“If the humble endeavours to implement the noble concept of SAGY are little bit helpful in improving the lives of 5000 odd population at Jaratoli-Baram panchayat and 4,600 odd population at Chuttu panchayat, I will be the happiest person in the world and consider myself worthy of my election to Rajya Sabha from the state of



>> International Yoga Day Celebration at Baram

>>Anganwadi Centre at Chuttu



>> Ensuring rural connectivity



To ensure smooth internet connectivity in the Jaratoli- Baram panchayat, MP Nathwani influenced installation of a mobile tower in the village. Residents are now happy with unhindered internet services which also help trainees at the newly developed computer training centre and the Legal Services Centre too.





>> Sarnasthal at Jaratoli

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In his pursuit to adopt villages and transform lives, Parimal Nathwani changed the profile of another distant tribal village, Barwadag panchayat. Starting from December 2017, he created more than 20-22 different facilities one after another in the villages and hamlets including Barwadag, Sitadih, Beltoli, Hesalbeda, Musangoo, Ganju toli etc. By the dawn of 2019, the population of about 4800 souls of Barwadag got infrastructure worth more than 1.53 crore. Multi-purpose community hall, PCC roads, street lights, deep bore-wells, community bathrooms and toilets, sarna sthals, boundary walls and guard walls on rivulets and what not!

The MP took care that wherever he constructed public toilets, he would invariably provide for overhead storage of water. The multi-purpose community halls created in villages are utilised as skill learning centres. Lacquer work, handicraft, sewing, honey collection and bee-keeping etc are skills villagers learn and practice.

In short, the rural development work done by Parimal Nathwani is aimed at creating facilities on one side and empowering rural people on the other. The objective is to change and transform the life in the villages, which is also an ultimate objective of SAGY, Nathwani says.



>> Evincing interest in Khadi clothes along with Ranchi MP, Sanjay Seth



>> Villagers rejoice PCC road constructed under SAGY



>>Nalin Sinha with happy villagers of Garudpidi after distribution of solar lamps

>> Ambulance donated to Chuttu Panchayat under SAGY



>> Deep boring and drinking water storage facility at Sitadih, Barwadag





>> Interaction with villagers to understand their requirements



>> Chala Bhawan



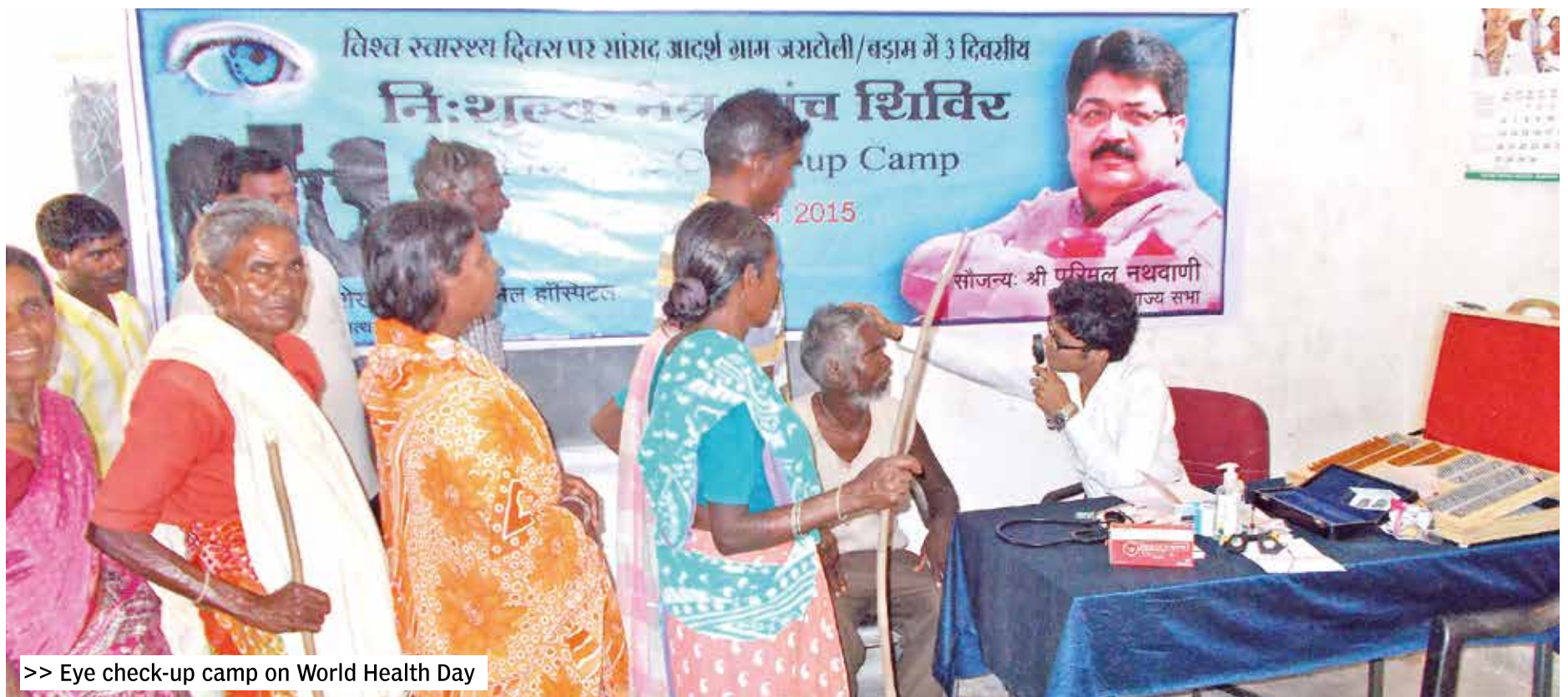
>> Republic Day celebrations by villagers at Jaratoli



>> Solar light pole



>>For ensuring safety and security of people a Town Out Post was constructed at Baram



>> Eye check-up camp on World Health Day

>>Health sub-Centre,
Baram





>> Khadi-supported tailoring centre at Barwadag, Ranchi

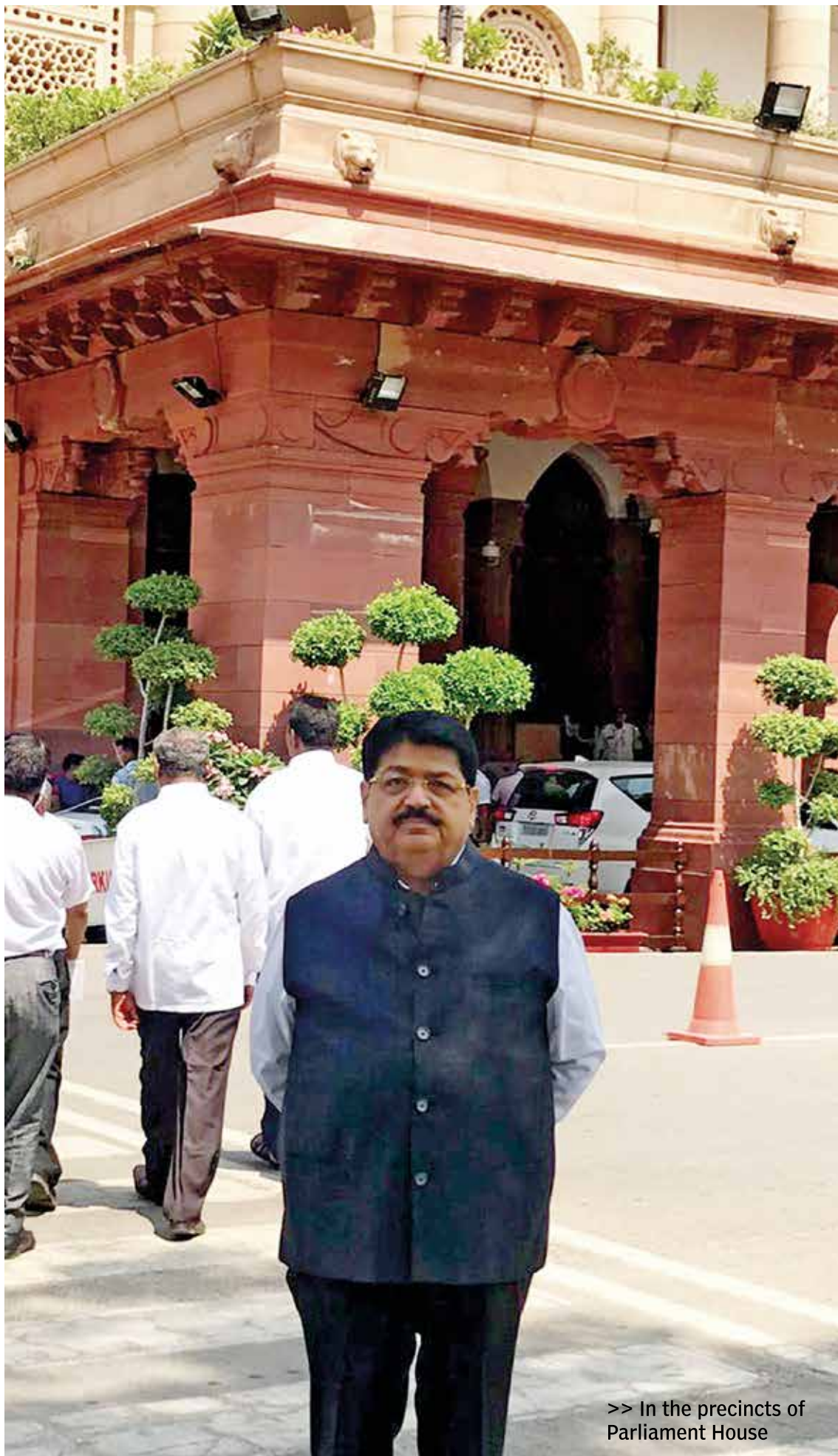


>>Mushroom growing training under skill development programme for village women

If the humble endeavours to implement the noble concept of SAGY are little bit helpful in improving the lives of 5000 odd population at Jaratoli-Baram panchayat and 4,600 odd population at Chuttu panchayat, I will be the happiest person in the world and consider myself worthy of my election to Rajya Sabha.

The women of the Jaratoli-Baram panchayat are now extremely progressive, having tasted the fruits of development. There are now at least a dozen women SHGs here, from which they benefit immensely

>> SHG members relaxing while the paddy is drying



>> In the precincts of Parliament House

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Parimal Nathwani, realising the significance of raising people's issues on the right platform, has always brought up matters of lack of basic infrastructure in Jharkhand, in core areas like health and education, in the Upper House

Parimal Nathwani is one of those few Parliamentarians, who have not only served their constituencies with passion, but also raised their issues in Parliament, to draw the Centre's attention towards the plight of the people they represent. Out of hundreds of questions that Nathwani has raised in Parliament on diverse matters since 2008, a majority are related to the development of Jharkhand and its people. From basic infrastructure to tourism, plight of slum dwellers, vacancies in the judiciary, timely release of *panchayati raj* funds, mid-day meals and wildlife, this MP's intention has been to make his constituency the cynosure of the Upper House.

Among the most significant questions raised by the MP, Nathwani wanted to know the number of vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court and various high courts of the country, including Jharkhand, number of pending cases and the steps taken by the government in this regard. Nathwani also wanted to know about the steps taken by the government for conservation of tigers, the budget allocation and fund release for conservation of tigers under 'Project Tiger' during the last three years, and whether the government was considering opening modern and world-class diagnostic facilities for the tigers. Other questions pertained to steps taken by the government to improve the socio-economic condition of tribals in the country and the details of various schemes being implemented by the government for their socio-economic development, the constraints faced by MSMEs in accessing credit facilities from institutional sources, the credit disbursed

and whether banks are charging higher interest rates to them.

Nathwani's questions were related to Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), the cities selected, the funds sanctioned/ released, and asking for more grants to complete on-going projects. He asked questions on the impact of drought on pulse production and the steps taken to increase production.

With welfare of students in his heart, Nathwani also wanted to know about the number of government schools that lacked basic infrastructure facilities and amenities, including toilets, along with the shortage of teachers and the corrective steps taken by the government to provide amenities/ facilities at par with public/private schools. He sought answers about the students benefited and the budget allocated by the government to the states under the mid-day meal (MDM) scheme.

He sought details about the problems being faced by the state universities and colleges, vacant posts, steps being taken for empowering the educational institutes and the *Sarva Siksha Abhiyan*. He also expressed concern over unmanned railway crossings leading to human deaths.

The Rajya Sabha MP also raised questions related to investment growth rate, housing schemes, timely completion of national highways, national dairy project, dropout rate of students, crime against women, incidents of rape and atrocities on women, literacy rate, progress of CBI cases, coal production,

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law and justice, tribal sub-plan, uranium mines at Jadugoda, railway projects, rural development and special grants for LWE-affected districts, among others.

Nathwani also voiced certain issues through Special Mentions in Parliament. Some of the issues he covered include:

- Adulteration of branded edible oils like palmoleine
- Trafficking and exploitation of tribal girls in Jharkhand, and creating education and livelihood opportunities for them
- Free education upto class 12
- Rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Jharkhand
- Road connectivity in Jharkhand
- Beautification of Harmu river in

Ranchi

- Special status to Jharkhand
- More trains for Jharkhand
- Appointment of lady principals
- Lack of basic infrastructure in schools of Jharkhand
- Vacancies in bureaucracy in Jharkhand
- Violation of human rights of women, tribals and dalits in Jharkhand
- Poor health facilities in Jharkhand
- Bilateral agreement with neighbouring countries for fishermen who cross over to their waters
- Timely allocation of prescribed funds for *panchayati raj* system and its monitoring by the Centre

Besides taking up issues in Parliament through unstarred questions, special mentions etc, Nathwani wrote letters to

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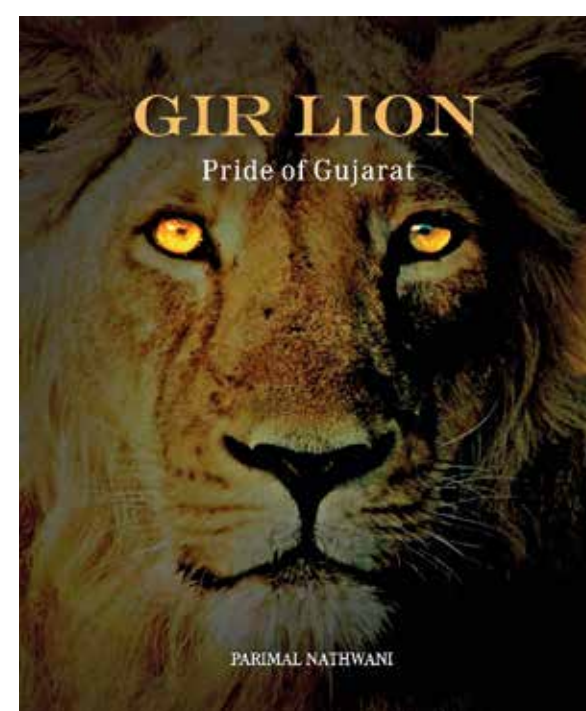
>> Discussion with the villagers



the Prime Minister and central ministers for drawing their extra attention. Apart from his focused areas, including development of Jharkhand, infrastructure, education, health etc, he wrote to concerned ministers for release of detained fishermen in Pakistani jails. In view of frequent incidents of seizure of boats and fishermen for even inadvertently crossing the territorial waters, resulting in their prolonged detainment, he had proposed to set up a joint panel of retired Supreme Court judges of respective countries, who would regularly meet and decide about fate of such innocent fishermen, who land up in jail without any criminal intention.

Nathwani's love for wildlife, particularly for Gir lions, made him write and advocate the declaration of the lion as the national animal. His justification was that Asiatic lions were few, found only in Gujarat, as compared to the tiger, the present national animal, which is found in plenty in about 22 states of the country. Incidentally, Nathwani has penned a book titled '**Gir Lion: Pride of Gujarat**', which has been published by the Times Group Books.

In short, Nathwani, as an MP or otherwise, has a unique understanding of people's plights and strives towards giving them a voice on the proper forum.





>> At an *adivasi* hostel in Ranchi



>> With Honourable PM and the then CM of Gujarat, Narendra Modi and MS Dhoni

A MULTIFACETED MAN

An honourable MP, Parimal Nathwani also has a colourful trait to his personality. He is a movie buff, a music lover and a cricket fan, all rolled into one. His love for sports has inspired him to encourage budding talents in various sporting fields

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ollowers of Parimal Nathwani have seen him as a successful Rajya Sabha MP and a leading business magnate. However, very few of them will perhaps know that the 63-year-old tycoon-turned-politician-turned philanthropist also has a colourful and humane trait to his personality. Nathwani, who in his early days used to bunk school to watch movies and cricket matches, is also a connoisseur of music and has very close proximity and camaraderie with famed musicians and Bollywood actors, who look upon him with love and respect. Nathwani has hence been instrumental in bringing such famed singers and actors to Ranchi, under his own aegis.

His frequent presence in Ranchi, after being elected MP, with the intention of being with his people in times of their joy and sorrow, points to the humane side of his personality. A firm believer in women empowerment, he has also followed the saying, “If you teach a woman, you teach a generation.”

FINER TRAITS

As a child Nathwani had no love for academics. He recalls, “Once I was suspended from school for three days. But that did not worry me. Instead I thought of utilising the time to my advantage and without informing anybody at home, went to see the shooting of the movie, ‘Love in Tokyo’.” What happened after that remains etched in his memory till this day. His sister discovered his misadventure and reported the matter to his parents. “What then? I got a good thrashing from my parents,” he recalls, soaked in the nostalgia of his childhood.

Being a movie buff, his weekends were

reserved for watching Hindi films with his friends, who got more pocket money than him and used to pay for his cinema ticket. Not only this. He also had a flair for music. He says, “My camaraderie with musical maestros like Pandit Jasraj, Asha Bhosle, Ashit Desai, Manhar Udhas, Soli Kapadia, and Lalitya Munshaw, among others, has reflected my disposition, aptitude and inclination for classics and melodies and devotional music.”

As such, he also did not forget to invite Bollywood and *ghazal* singers to enthral the audience in Ranchi after he was elected MP. A few years ago, he took personal initiative to invite singing legend, Asha Bhosle, to Ranchi for performing at the Birsa Munda stadium under the aegis of a vernacular daily. The event was a historic one and people remember it to this day.

Being a *ghazal* aficionado, Nathwani invited the maestro, Ghulam Ali to Ranchi and the MP himself received him at the airport. Not a person to ignore the youth and their love for pop music, in May 2012, pop, *bhangra* and rap singer, Mika, was brought to Ranchi by yet another vernacular daily, supported by RIL. The audience, both young and old, danced to the lilting tunes of the rockstar.

Nathwani has also been close to Bollywood and Gujarati stars and participated in several *Gujarati* movie premiers. He has had close proximity with Bollywood stars like Amir Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Manoj Joshi, Paresh Rawal (Lok Sabha MP), Vivek Oberoi, Neha Sharma, Mahesh Bhatt, Emraan Hashmi, Esha Gupta, Bipasha Basu, and Vidya Balan, among others.

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CRICKET LOVER

Young Nathwani had bunked his final examinations to watch a cricket match between West Indies and India in Mumbai when in school. He recalls, “I was in class 9 then. It was the last day of our annual exams. Andy Roberts and his team had come to Mumbai for a test match. I had saved up my pocket-money and bought a North stand ticket for ₹65. I asked my friends to accompany me saying, ‘Exam hi toh hai’. Of course, they didn’t agree and I was the only one repeating a year, this time in the same class as my sister.”

This was one of the many misadventures that he fell into, regardless of the thrashings and reprimands that would follow. In fact, it was his love for the game that got him his first entrepreneurial venture. He used to be invited for bowling by his neighbours, Prakash and Ramesh Chouhan, owners of a

popular food and beverages group, who had a huge pitch built in their bungalow. Crazy about experiencing a real pitch, the young Nathwani used to go for one-sided bowling there every Sunday. It was on one such Sunday when he was offered the dealership of cold drinks of the reputed company by the Chouhans.

His love for the willow also damaged his retina when he played at the school and college levels, and he was, consequently, asked by his doctor to stop playing cricket. “I was an off-spin bowler and middle-order batsman...but today I am so busy with my work that during IPL, I couldn’t reach the stadium to watch Reliance team play,” Nathwani says. He is now president, Gujarat State Football Association (GSFA). He also remained the vice-president of Gujarat Cricket Association during presidential tenures of PM Narendra Modi and home

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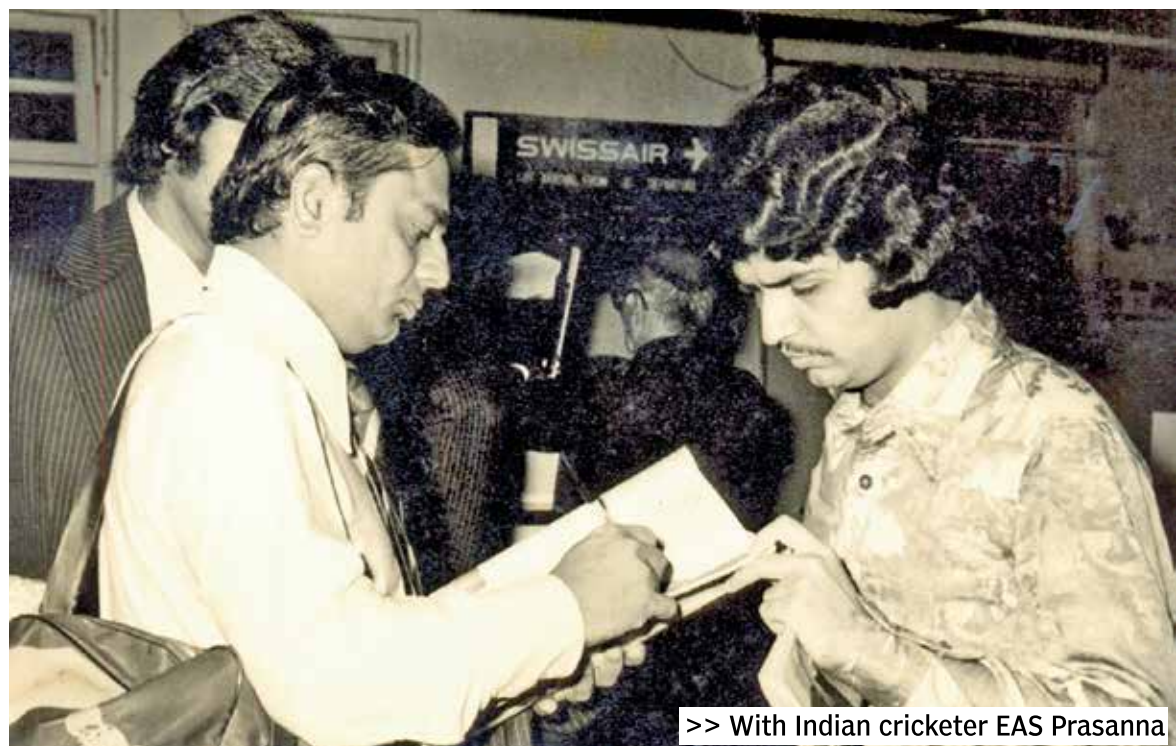


>>With the legend, Lata Mangeshkar

minister Amit Shah, and de facto gave a shape to the dream of PM Modi, of building the world's largest cricket stadium at Motera, Ahmedabad.

Few would also know that even during his young days, Nathwani had a flair for dressing up. He would spend a lot on himself, even getting shirts stitched from the reputed Kachins and Gabbana tailors of Mumbai. He still has a shirt from Kachins that Rishi Kapoor wore in the film 'Khel Khel Mein'.

"I bought it for ₹700 then. Kachins would make only five exclusive pieces per design and this was the second piece. I lied to my father that it was just for ₹100," he shares. To this day, the MP loves luxury cars and watches.



>> With Indian cricketer EAS Prasanna

THE HUMANITARIAN

What has been remarkable during his two-term stint as MP is that he has hardly ever turned down invitations from Ranchi-based organisations or groups for prestigious events. He needs only to spot an infrastructure or even a person needing help, and he is the first person to plunge into it.

“It was serving people, which became my priority in the years that followed, and everything else took a backseat — by default. Unbelievable, yet true,” he says.

Nathwani once adopted a child, Nafisa. It was during a Republic Day function at a children’s park in Islamnagar in Ranchi in Jharkhand, which is his constituency, where he was stunned by Nafisa’s oratory skills. There and then, he decided to help her financially so that she could go ahead with her academic pursuits. Nathwani, his heart going out to the children hailing



>> At an IPL match at Motera



>>With Honourable PM and the then CM of Gujarat, Narendra Modi and Australian cricketer Shane Watson

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>> With Amitabh Bachchan

from humble and economically weak backgrounds in Islamnagar, also renovated the park and school where the children went.

Nathwani always advocated the ‘healing touch’ to Jharkhand’s Left-Wing Extremists (LWEs) and used to say, “They are our own people and not outsiders.” To prove his point, he brought Thimbu Uraon, a one-time hardcore extremist, to the mainstream. Uraon was jailed for his rebel activities. He came into contact with Nathwani after he came out of jail.

He and his supporters abandoned the path of extremism and re-joined mainstream society. Thimbu once wanted to become a doctor but turned into a rebel because of poverty and lack of education in his village. He now runs a school in his village, Badari. He inspires children to study. People of his village donate ₹1 a week and some rice to Thimbu for his school. Nathwani, in recognition of his social work, felicitated and honoured him on a public platform. Thimbu considers the MP as his mentor. Nathwani helped him substantially to set up his school.

Something for sports, too

“During one of my visits earlier to rural Jharkhand to understand people’s need, some youth came up with a weird but exciting proposal,” says Parimal Nathwani. Youth of village Kavali in Namkum block raised before him the need for a proper ground for holding football matches. He spent more than ₹27 lakh, levelled the ground, constructed a compound wall, a changing room as well as a spectators’ gallery.

The one-time ardent cricketer in Nathwani understood the sportsmen’s need and fulfilled it. It is a different thing that he became vice-president of Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA), worked for GCA with PM Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah, and played a key role in giving shape to the world’s largest cricket stadium project at Motera, Ahmedabad.

Now, since he is out of GCA due to Lodha Committee’s norms, footballers of Gujarat requested him to take over the reins of Gujarat State Football Association (GSFA) as its president. He now promotes football among Gujarat’s youth, which until recently was an alien sports to people of that state.

Besides a playground at Kavali village of Namkum block under Ranchi district, his spate of supporting sports included construction of a guard wall of the Nowadih playground at Poraiyahat in Godda district, as well as construction of stadiums at Silli and at Rangamati, Rahe in Ranchi district.

Nathwani’s love for sports prompted him to felicitate medal winners of 34th National Games held in Ranchi in 2011. He awarded ₹41,000 each to gold medalists, ₹31,000 each to silver medal winners, and ₹21,000 each to bronze medal winners, under the auspices of Dhirubhai Ambani Foundation.



>> Kicking off a football tournament



>> With budding football players



>> Inspecting newly built spectacular Motera Cricket Stadium with Honourable Home Minister Amit Shah

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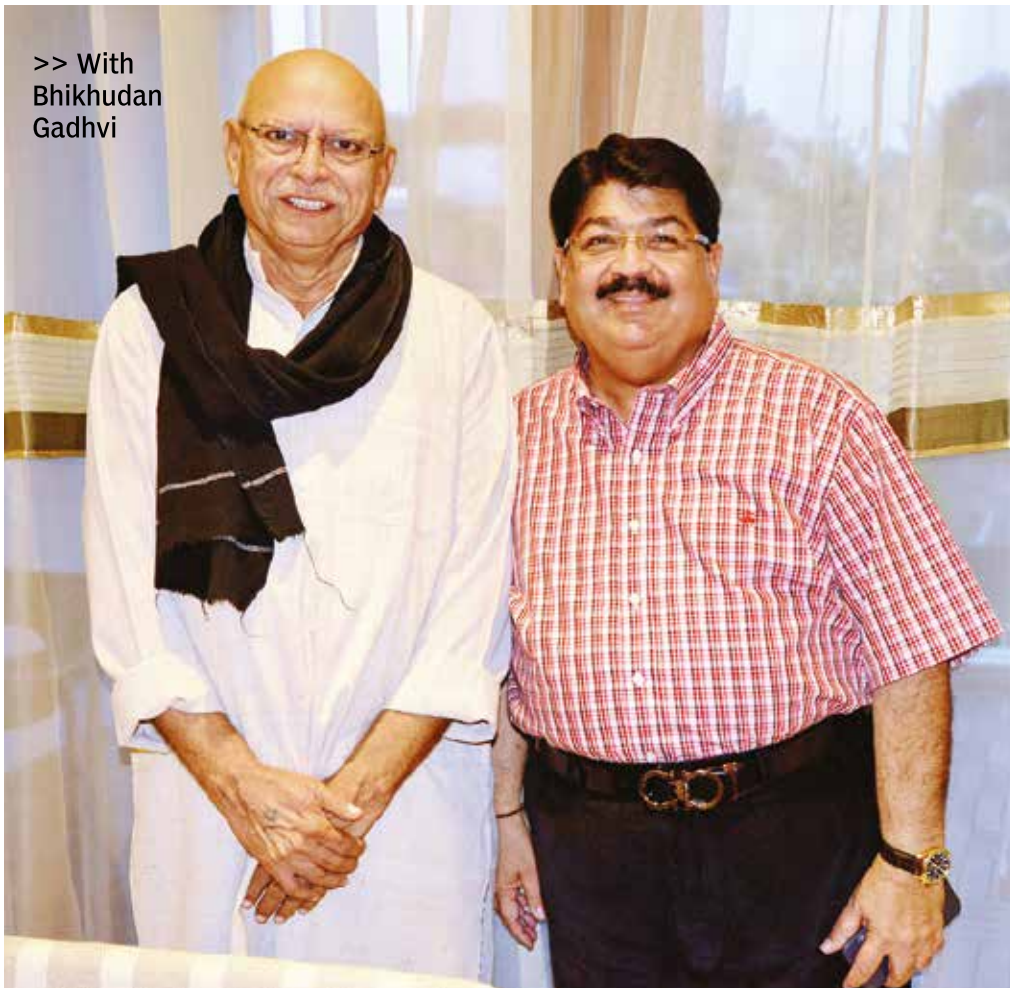
>> With Asha Bhosle



>> With Jasprit Bumrah



>> With Bhikhudan Gadhvi



>> With Aamir Khan



>> With Vidya Balan



>> MP Parimal Nathwani with his wife Varsha, sons Dhanraj & Karan and daughter-in-law Bhoomi

Role Model: Dhirubhai Ambani

Pillar of strength: Mukesh Ambani

Definition of success: Trust

Hobbies: Listening to music

Regrets: Eye injury in early 20s hindered my greatest passion of playing cricket

Thoughts for second innings: Working towards development & conservation of wildlife



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