



The Pamnaris' - Grand Parents

A Visual Journey



Hindu genealogy registers at Nasik & Haridwar.

This custom not well known today to Indians settled abroad, in an ancient custom detailed family genealogies of Hindu families for the past several generations are kept by professional Hindu Brahmin Pandits, popularly known as Pandas, at the Hindu holy city of Haridwar in hand written registers passed down to them over generations by their Pandit ancestors which are classified according to original districts and villages of ones ancestors, with special designated Pandit families being in charge of designated district registers, even for cases where ancestral districts and villages that have been left behind in Pakistan after Partition of India with Hindus having to migrate to India.

In several cases present day descedents are now Sikhs, Muslims and Christians. It is not uncommon for one to find details of up to or even more than one's past seven generations in these genealogy registers kept by the Pandas of Haridwar.

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Forword

Family History

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." – Chinese proverb "

"A generation which ignores history has no past- and no future." -Robert A.

I was often asked what motivated me to undertake this thankless task.

Did I really believe that my diligence & efforts would be valued and appreciated?

Since there appeared to be no visible reward in it for me, the questions were perfectly natural and valid.

My answer?

It is my belief that every family must have a family tree book. It is not a mere record of "useless" facts but it is a vital reference book for us to get a complete & enlarged picture of what went into making us who we are.

I believe that we owe remembrance to the past; in fact, the cultural history of our community is important because it makes us aware of what our ancestors were like before we were even born. These time-honoured traditions, beliefs, food, family rituals, ways of living etc serve to influence us as we grow up. Those that no longer serve any purpose are discarded, and those that are useful and substantial remain with us to help us with a sense of well-being and offer us growth and security.

The past, whether we like it or not, plays a vital role in shaping us and making us who we are. Similarly our role in the shaping of future generations cannot be under-estimated. It is through such efforts that this generation and those that come after it will get a truthful and cohesive picture of their roots. Just like history, which gives us a perspective of people in their place in time and space, in a small way, the family tree book too dates and identifies us. To know the facts is the first step towards gaining depth, clarity and understanding. I am sure there are others like me who would have liked to know details about our great, great grand-parents and their parents as well, but since nobody penned it down, all those colourful details of their lives are sadly lost to us in the darkness of the unrecorded past.

How, for instance, did they conduct their daily life?

What clothes did they wear in those days?

How did they entertain themselves as children and as adults?

How was affection demonstrated between mother and adult son?

Did they eat off plantain leaves?

Did the women wear other clothes besides sarees, what toys did the children play with?

At what age were they allowed to take the reins of the family business?

So many questions, and there are no answers... The knowledge of all these aspects of our past would have enriched us beyond measure. But they took everything of their lives with them as they departed. We must, therefore, do what they left undone.

We need to tell the future how much of us is still in them, and how much of our ancestors they still carry beneath the westernised denim jeans and tee-shirts! It is the duty of the present to honour and preserve the past and serve as a link to the future. In my own small way I am attempting to be that link through this booklet. It is only the first step, perhaps other steps will follow from other branches of the same tree...

This booklet is solely my project, from start to finish.

This is my salute to the "Pamnani" family and its family values, both of whom I cherish.

Finally about the blanks and mistakes. I have collected whatever facts I could but where information was unavailable I have left blanks. I will be happy to update this booklet as and when all the required information is received by me. For any inadvertent errors here is my apology in advance. It is better to rectify mistakes than to dwell on them.

Winston Churchill summed it up aptly when he said,
*"If we open a quarrel between the past and the present,
we shall find that we have lost the future."*

So let us help trim the tree rather than throw stones at it.

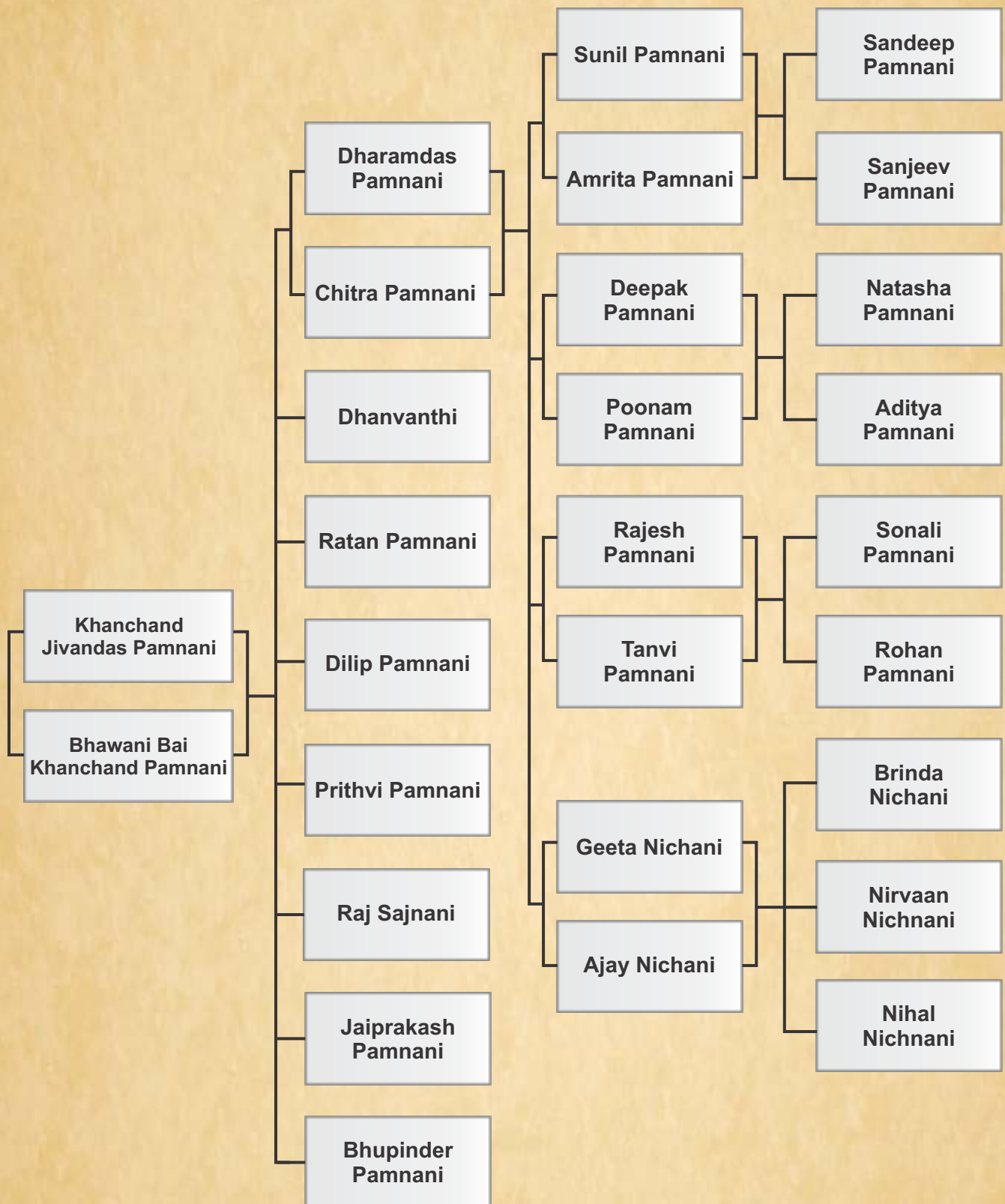
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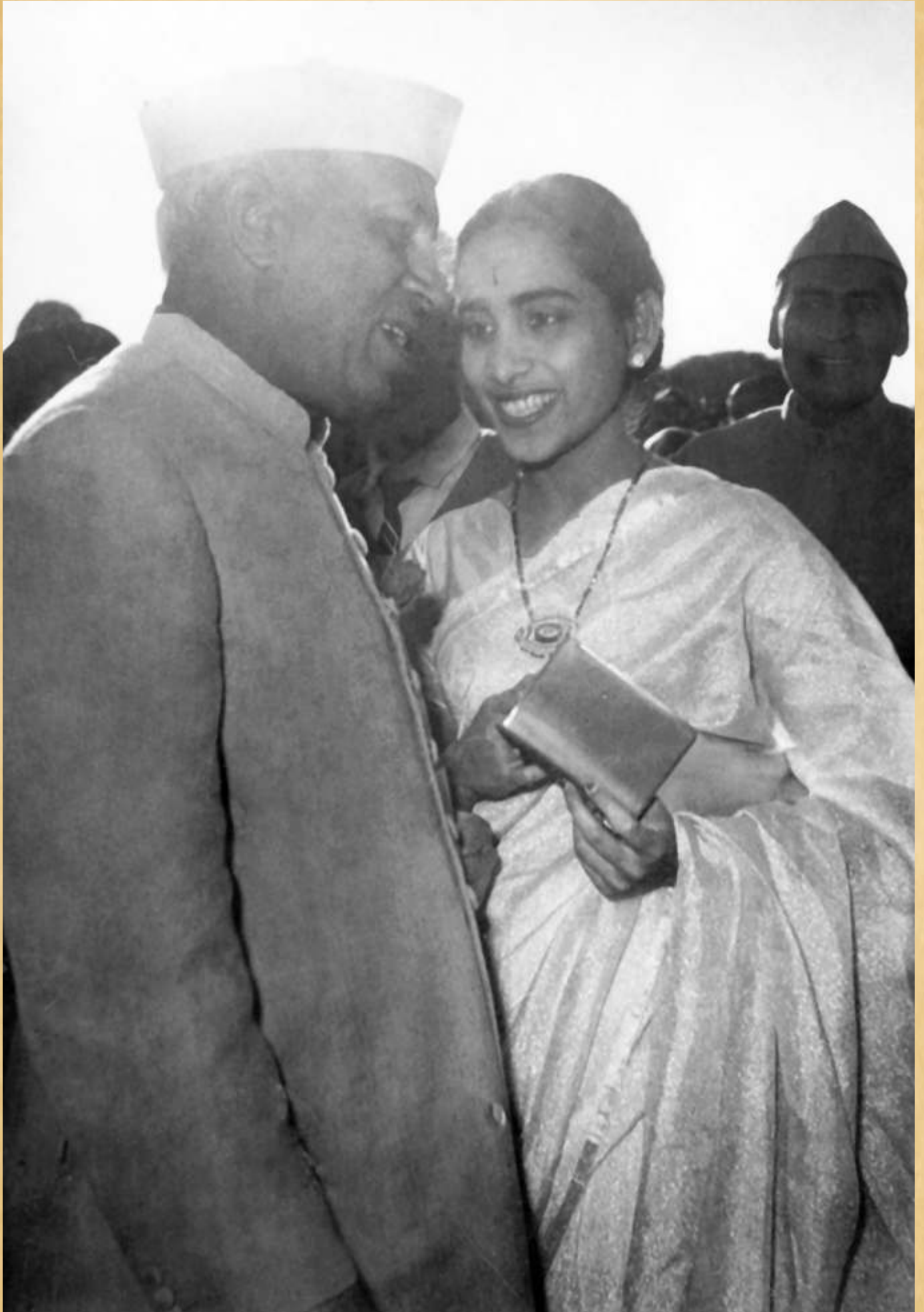
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The Pamnani Family







**Khanchand
Jivandas Pamnani**



Dhramdas Pamnani



Chitra Pamnani



Dhanvanthi



Ratan Pamnani



Sunil Pamnani



Amrita Pamnani



Deepak Pamnani



Poonam Pamnani



Sandeep Pamnani



Sanjeev Pamnani



Natasha Pamnani



Aditya Pamnani



**Bhawani Bai
Khanchand Pamnani**



Dilip Pamnani



Prithvi Pamnani



Raj Sajnani



Jaiprakash Pamnani



Bhopinder Pamnani



Rajesh Pamnani



Tanvi Pamnani



Geeta Nichani



Ajay Nichani



Sonali Pamnani



Rohan Pamnani



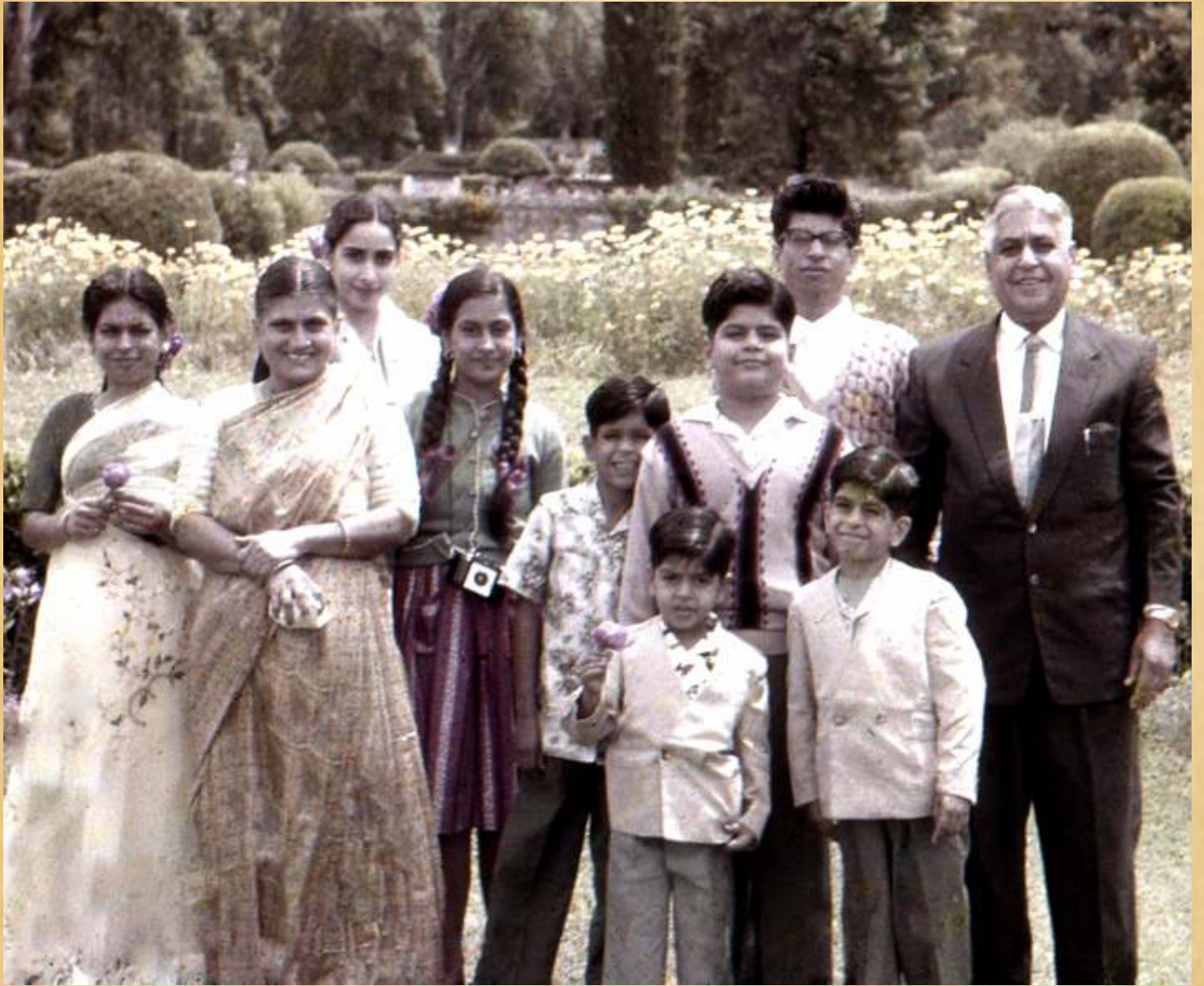
Brinda Nichani



Nirvaan Nichani

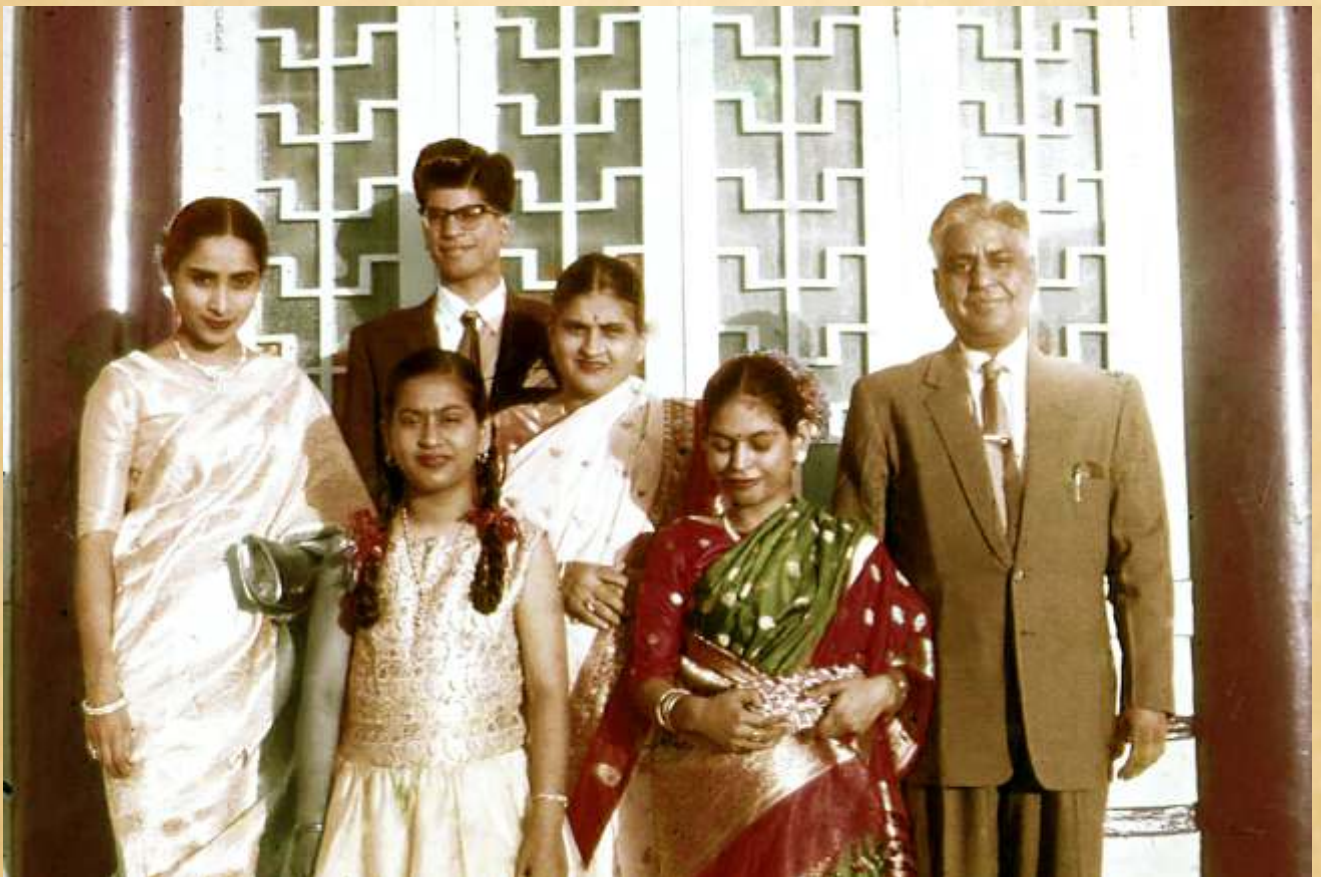


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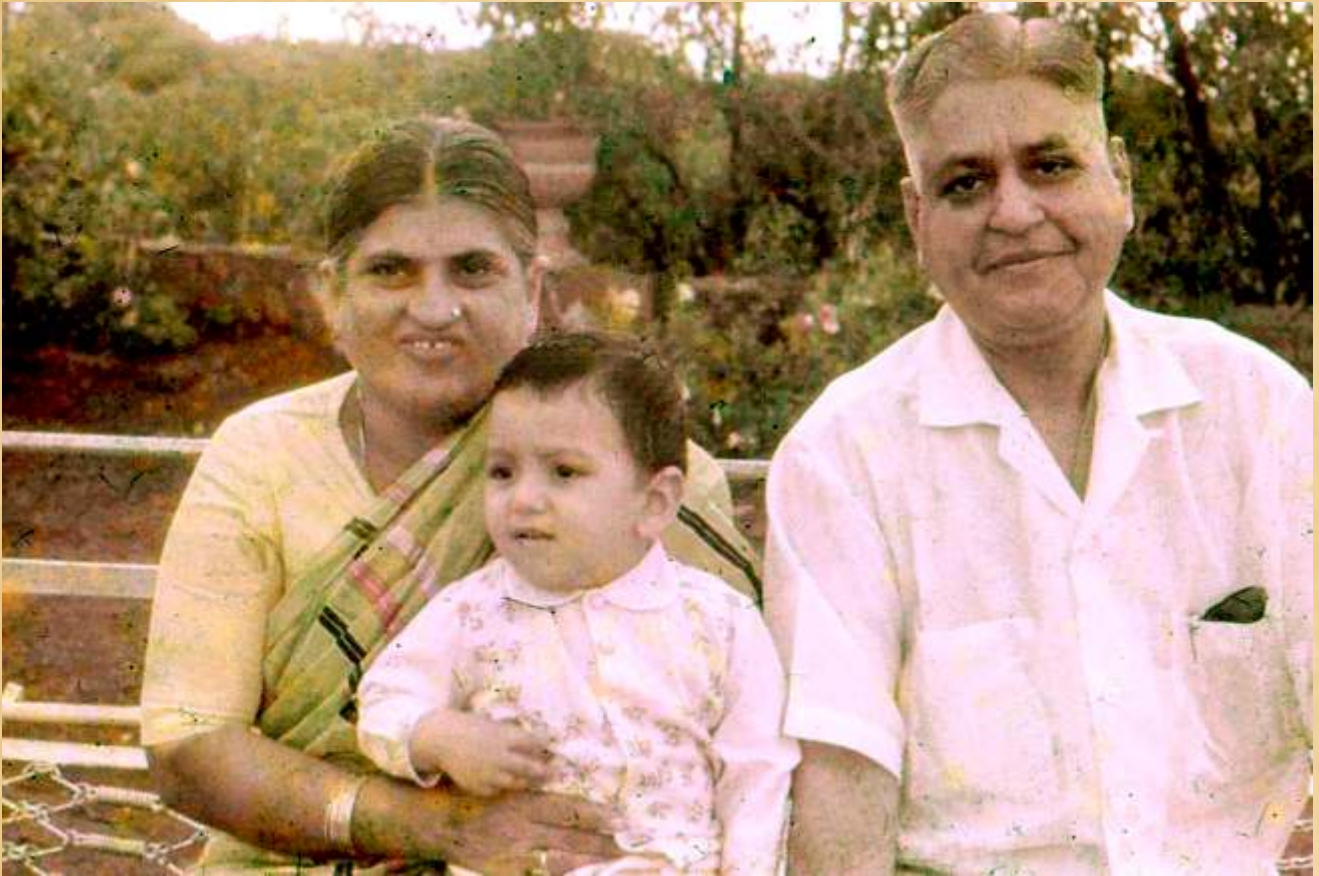


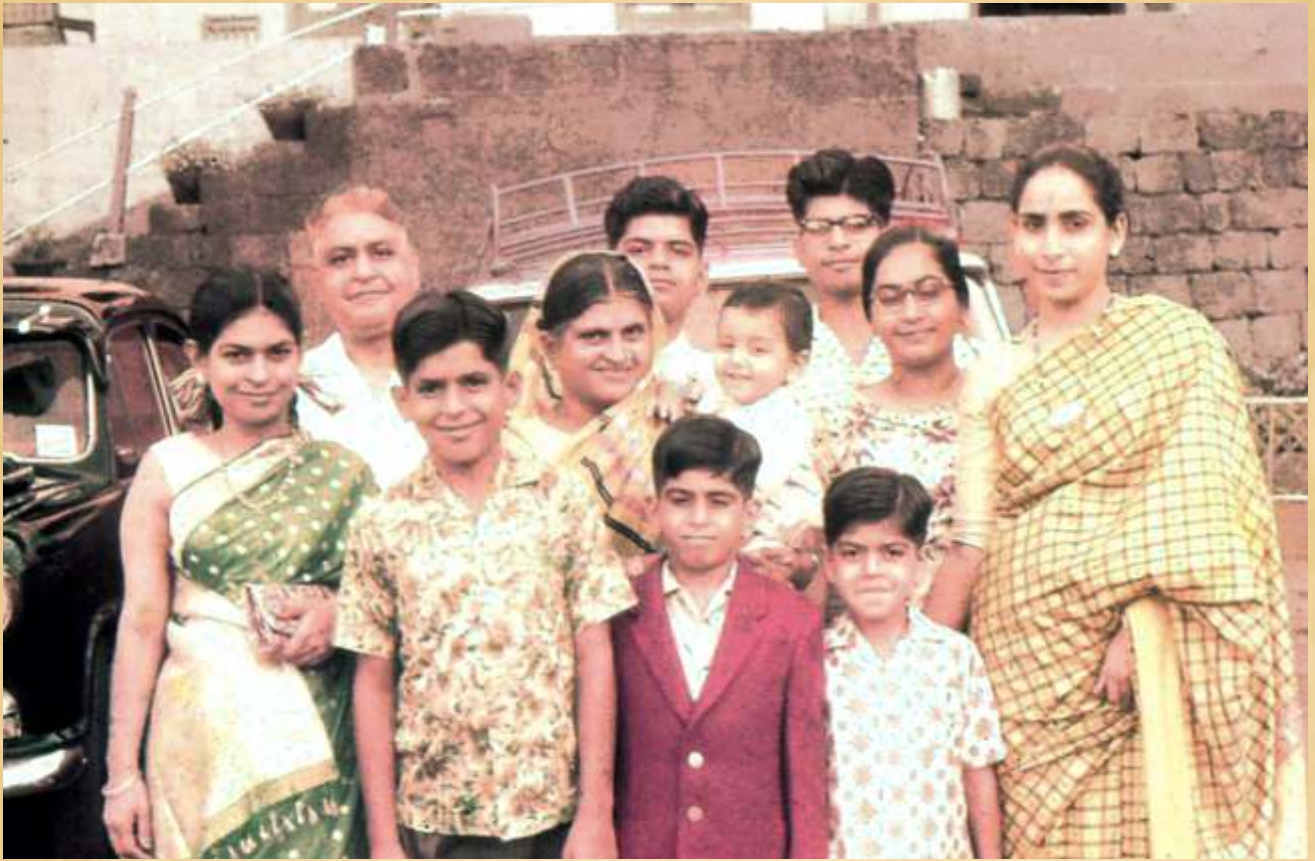


























J.B.Mangharam & Co, Gwalior



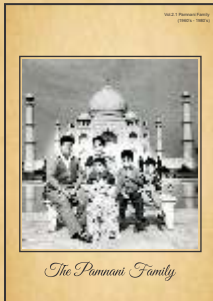
A Plant Visit by
Honourable Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
Honourable Lal Bahadur Shastri
Honourable Indira Gandhi
(Prime Ministers of India)





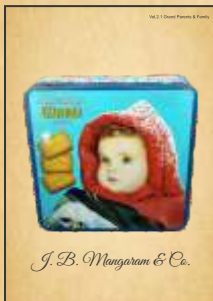
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- 1.1 Migration (Preface)
- 1.2 Khanchand Family
- 1.3 Dabrai Family



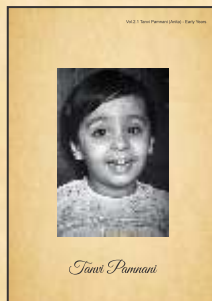
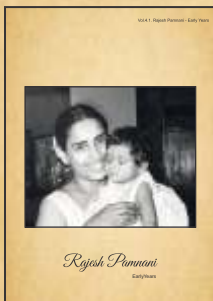
2.0 Our Parents

- 2.1 Pamnani Family (DKP)
- 2.2 Bajaj Family Tree



3.0 Family History & Business

- 3.1 J.B Mangaharam & Co.
- 3.2 Seva Sadan
- 3.3 Norge Audio
- 3.4 R & D Engineers
- 3.5 The Meraki Project (Inception)



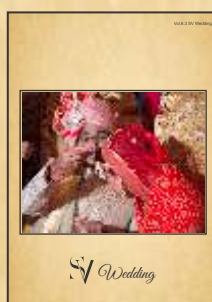
4.0 Present Generation

- 4.1 Rajesh Pamnani - Early Years
- 4.2 Rajesh Pamnani & Family
- 4.3 Tanvi Pamnani (Anita Bajaj)
- 4.4 Rajesh Pamnani - Rotarian



5.0 Next Generation

- 5.1 Sonali - Early Years
- 5.2 Rohan - Early Years



6.0 Next Gen - Family Extensions

- 6.1 #Jhabnani
- 6.2 SV Engagement
- 6.3 SV Wedding