



A first-generation entrepreneur who turned a small venture into a global giant and invested in people along the way.



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Anil Agarwal: The Visionary Behind Vedanta's Global Rise

Anil Agarwal, the man behind Vedanta, was born in Patna, Bihar. His journey is a story of big dreams, risk-taking, and a deep belief in India's potential. He is a man who turned small beginnings into a global success story. With little money but a bold vision, he built Vedanta into one of the world's leading natural resources companies. His journey is about big risks, bigger dreams, and a strong belief in India's future.

He did not come from a rich business family. In 1976, he started small, with little money but a big vision. Under his leadership, Vedanta

grew from a local metal business into a global company. It now works in oil and gas, zinc, silver, aluminium, copper, iron, steel and power. The company creates jobs for thousands and contributes to India's growth.

In 2003, Agarwal became the first Indian to list his company on the London Stock Exchange. At that time, he felt Indian businesses were not valued fairly in the local market. He wanted recognition and fair value, so he moved to London and made it happen. That bold step changed the course of Vedanta forever.

But Agarwal's story is not just about building a big company. He has always believed that business must

give back to people. Over the years, he has made large investments in India's metals and mining sector to help the country become self-sufficient. He also strongly supports small businesses. Through the Vedanta Saathi programme, MSMEs get the tools and services they need to grow and provide jobs.

He is equally passionate about supporting start-ups, believing they are the future of innovation in India.

On the social front, his Nand Ghar project has been a game changer. These centres provide healthcare, education, nutrition and women's empowerment at the village level. In the last five years, they have touched the lives of many people. Agarwal dreams of expanding this work to reach more children and women from underprivileged sections.

The Anil Agarwal Foundation is leading these efforts. It has spent crores over five years for healthcare, nutrition, women and child development, animal welfare, grassroots sports and hunger eradication. Agarwal says his aim is simple: no one in India should go to bed hungry.

From Patna to London, from a small trader to the head of a global company, Anil Agarwal's journey shows the power of vision and determination. He built a business empire, but more importantly, he built hope for millions of Indians who dream of a better future.