

From attention to small things in life to Rs 40,000 cr fortune: Vedanta group tycoon Anil Agarwal shares his surprising success mantra

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Synopsis

Indian industrialist Anil Agarwal, worth \$4.7 billion, reveals that his multi-billion-dollar empire was built not on grand strategies but on discipline in the smallest tasks. He emphasizes that consistency in seemingly insignificant actions like being punctual and prepared compounded over time, opening doors to significant opportunities and forming the foundation of Vedanta Group.



Anil Agarwal, founder and chairman of Vedanta Group. (Image credits- Facebook @Anil Agarwal)

Success stories often highlight bold risks and dramatic turning points. But what if the real secret to building a [multi-billion-dollar empire](#) lies in something far less glamorous? Indian industrialist [Anil Agarwal](#) believes it does. Reflecting on his early years, the [Vedanta Group](#) chairman says that if he were 20 again, he would focus even more on the smallest tasks. For him, it was never about grand strategy. It was about discipline in the details.

Anil Agarwal, founder and chairman of [Vedanta](#) Group, recently shared a candid reflection on social media about the building blocks of his journey. According to Forbes, his net worth stands at \$4.7 billion, which is roughly between Rs 39,480 crore and Rs 39,950 crore. Yet, when he looks back, he does not credit sweeping masterplans or headline-grabbing decisions.

Instead, he points to what he calls small jobs that open big doors.

His early days

In his early days, he describes having barely begun his journey. The streets of Bombay became his classroom. He would study metal prices in newspapers, watch experienced dealmakers closely, and ask questions wherever he sensed he might find answers. There was no elaborate blueprint guiding him. There were no dramatic moves meant to impress anyone. What existed was consistency.



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Simple and small details

He focused on simple actions that many overlook. Reaching meetings on time. Carrying a calculator. Not missing appointments. Staying prepared. Paying attention. These habits may have seemed ordinary, even insignificant, on any given day. Many nights passed when he wondered whether any of it would bear fruit. But over time, those small acts compounded.

Agarwal believes that when people ask about the secret to achieving something big, they often expect a complex formula. His answer remains disarmingly simple: give importance to the small things and allow the larger opportunities to unfold naturally. That discipline, he says, became the foundation on which Vedanta was built.

About Anil Agarwal

Anil Agarwal's journey is a testament to relentless ambition and grit. Hailing from a small Indian village, he refused to let humble beginnings define his future. At 19, armed with little more than a tiffin box, bedding, and dreams, he moved to Mumbai to chase his vision. His early years were riddled with failures across nine business attempts, barely making ends meet. But his tenth venture in cable production finally gained traction, paving the way for expansion into copper and aluminium manufacturing and laying the foundation for what would become the industrial giant, Vedanta.

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