

'Mera 8x9 ft ka pehla office': Anil Agarwal recalls humble beginnings of Vedanta Group

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- Anil Agarwal recalled early struggles in Mumbai.
- Started with an 8x9 ft office in Kalbadevi.
- Learned to "Dream big. Work hard."

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Vedanta Group Chairperson Anil Agarwal on Wednesday took to social media to recall his early struggles in Mumbai, sharing how an 8 ft x 9 ft office in Kalbadevi became the starting point of his journey to building a multinational conglomerate.

Agarwal recalled arriving in Mumbai from Bihar at the age of 19 with little money but "a fierce determination" to achieve something big. That determination, he said, took him to the lanes of Kalbadevi, where he spent days searching for a small office.

"Then one day, I met Rasikbhai, who recognized the grit in this young man. He showed me a small room on the fourth floor of an oldish building. Just 8 ft x 9 ft," Agarwal wrote.



Anil Agarwal

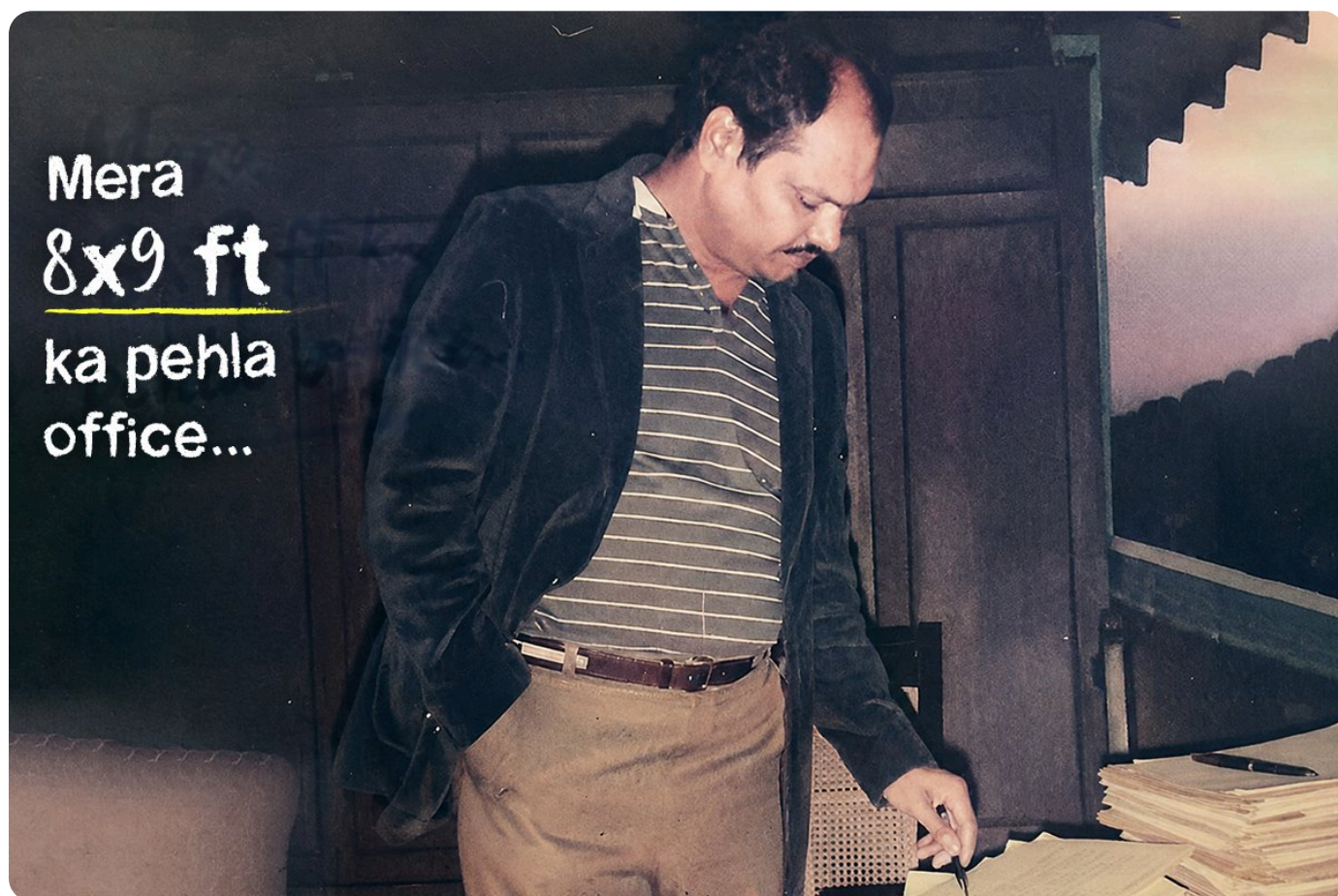
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आज Vedanta Group के कई बड़े offices दुनिया के कई देशों में हैं।

मगर सच कहूँ, आज भी अगर आँखें बंद करूँ, तो Mumbai के Kalbadevi वाले मेरे पहले office की तस्वीर साफ़-साफ़ नज़र आती है।

19 साल की उम्र में जब Bihar से Mumbai आया, जेब में पैसे कम थे, मगर मन में एक ज़िद थी कि कुछ बड़ा

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The tiny office had a shared telephone and housed three people. Recalling the difficulties of getting a telephone connection in 1975-76, Agarwal said his calls came through to a nearby phone belonging to Rajkumar ji. "It would ring twice, then cut off... and I'd rush down the stairs. Even today, it feels like those weren't two rings, but the knocks of my dreams," he wrote.

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"Some successful days, some failed evenings, many seasons passed in that office. But every morning, I continued to unlock the lock of my first office with the same enthusiasm and pride," Agarwal wrote.

He said the 8 ft x 9 ft room ultimately taught him two principles: "Dream big. Work hard."

"Today, many of the Vedanta Group's major offices are located in various countries around the world. But to tell the truth, even today, if I close my eyes, I can clearly picture my first office in Kalbadevi, Mumbai," Agarwal wrote.

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