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- These are the words that echo throughout Kaka’s life, [] though each facet of his life [] and the principal advice he gave his grand children.
- Kaka has been visiting us in Canada for many years and he had particularly

rejoiced in the warmth with which he had been embraced by each of you. He loved coming to Toronto. Our thanks to you for making him so comfortable here.

- Kakawas a visionary, a go-getter, a strong family man and a strong believer in the joint family system.
- I believe 3 categories can best summarise his life's work. Business, Family and Social
- As a young entrepreneur, he started numerous businesses including a shipping

line between India and East Africa in 1941 at the ripe old age of 19.

- In 1943, he married my mother, Vijayalaxmi and moved to Kenya after the war.
- Soon after joining the family business, he was instrumental in transforming the business from trading to manufacturing based industries. Starting with selling corrugated iron sheets, he spearheaded the first Rolling Mill in Kenya and Tanzania

and this resulted in the expansion of the family's business in Aluminium and Steel.

- Within his role of the family business, he lived in Kenya, Tanzania, UK, Switzerland and Singapore. Truly a varied experience. At each location, besides business, he sought to add to the social fabric.
- Before moving to Kenya, he had been accepted into Rajkot University, and his one regret in life was to not be able to take up this opening. He ensured his younger

siblings, including the daughters, were encouraged to get the best education that was possible.

- As a result of his interest in the written word and technology, he learnt to use a typewriter both in Gujarati and English in the 1940's. Not contented with mechanical typewriters, he pursued Gujarati golf ball and disk type electric typewriters and word processors.

- In 1986, Raj, presented him with an Apple Computer. He immediately acquainted himself with his new computer and Microsoft Word. He located a person in France who developed fonts in Gujarati for the Apple. His love of, or, some would say, his love affair with the computer started.....
- If Word has English dictionary and spellcheck, why not also in Gujarati? Thus started a 30-year voyage.

- He visited Apple and Microsoft headquarters, but not getting the desired response, he found a few Gujarati speaking Indians working at Apple and persisted with his ideas. Kaka would never take “NO” as an answer.
- In the last two decades of his life, he was immersed in the development of the Gujaratilexicon.
- His passion, commitment and persistence led to digitising the Gujarati language and

we must make sure that we continue to support this legacy that he leaves behind.

- Never believing in retirement, he was involved in many social organisations like the Indian Gymkhana, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, SANGAM Association, Festival of India, Indian Sports and Physical Foundation, International Sacred Literature Trust among others.

- On the personal side, Kaka had a tremendous zest for life and lived his life to the full.
- He loved food, wore the best of clothes, always impeccably dressed.
- His warmth touched the hearts of both young and old and everyone with whom he came into contact.

- Believing strongly in the Joint Family System, he helped create and build our family philosophy. As an elder of the family, he was a guiding light and a steady hand to hold for reassurance. Kaka was a pillar of strength,
- He loved to be surrounded with Family and Friends always looking forward to family gatherings and occasions. Each one of us has poignant, sweet memories of how he touched our lives in so many ways.

- He had an extraordinarily positive attitude to life and the loss of hearing did not deter him from keeping in touch using Email and Skype extensively.
- We, the Chandaria Family are deeply grateful for all the love and affection showered on him by all his friends and family.