

IN MEMORIAM

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Shri Ramesh Kacholia

Ram Ram Beti!

Those were the words that always began our conversations with Ramesh Uncle. For those of us from different cultural backgrounds, our instinctive response was always, 'Pranam, Uncle,' offered with deep respect to someone so senior to us - in age, wisdom, experience, humility, and love.

And then, with his warm 'Ram Ram Beti,' all physical distance disappeared. He became a refuge to turn to, a place where one could feel safe and cared for - a home away from home.

A philosopher and a guide, with equal measures of wisdom, humility, experience, and love, Ramesh Uncle had the rare ability to dissolve every barrier and make every conversation feel personal, reassuring, and filled with warmth. What an extraordinary human being!

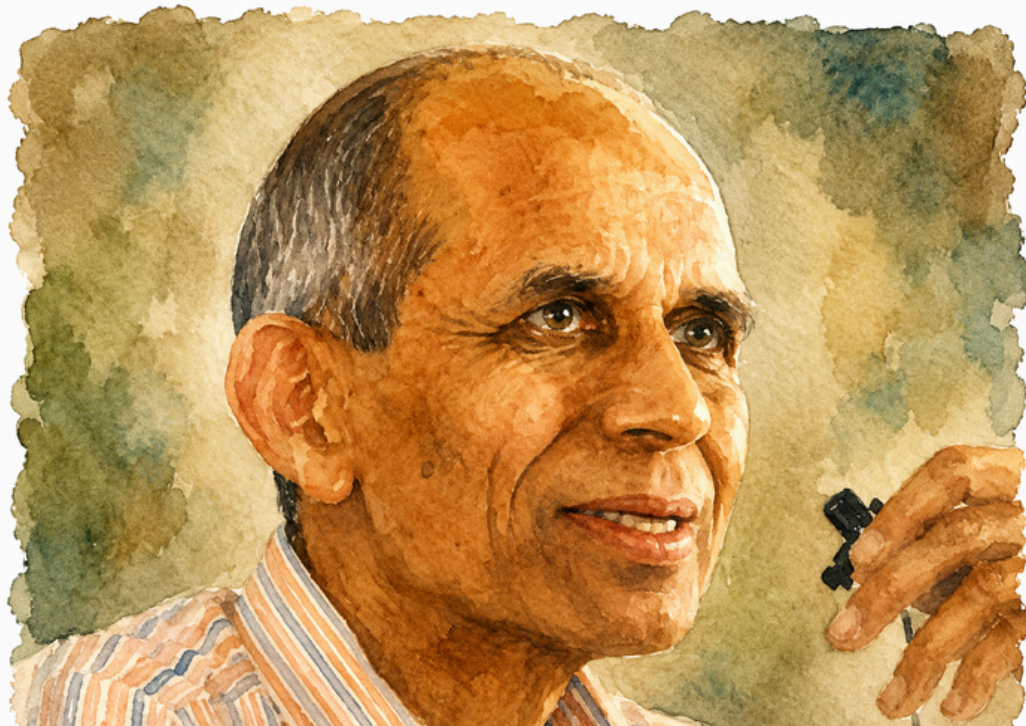
It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Shri Ramesh Kacholia while celebrating a life dedicated to strengthening India's social sector through quiet leadership, deep compassion, and an unwavering faith in people.

For decades, Ramesh Uncle quietly reshaped the practice of philanthropy. He believed that the greatest investment was not in projects but in people - in founders whose integrity, commitment, and vision could transform communities. This philosophy became the heart of Caring Friends, the remarkable network he nurtured with Nimesh Bhai, bringing together compassionate donors and grassroots organisations across the country. Built on trust rather than transactions, Caring Friends became much more than a giving platform; it became a family united by a shared commitment to meaningful social change.



At SRUTI, we experienced that philosophy firsthand. Ramesh Uncle never saw us as one among many organisations. He invested time in understanding who we were, what we stood for, and the people behind the work. His faith in our mission strengthened our resolve during moments of uncertainty and reminded us that when committed people are trusted, institutions grow stronger.

What made Ramesh Uncle truly exceptional was the deeply personal way in which he walked alongside organisations. He listened before he advised, asked questions that challenged us to think more deeply, and valued sincerity over scale, character over credentials, and purpose over recognition. Many of us found in him not only a mentor but also a trusted elder whose wisdom and quiet reassurance made every interaction feel like coming home.



The greatest gift he gave us was his trust. It was never conditional or transactional. It inspired responsibility, strengthened our deep faith in commitment towards social cause, and reminded us that lasting social change begins with faith in people. Through his example, he also inspired generations of donors and changemakers to discover the joy of giving with humility, discernment, and compassion.

As we remember Ramesh Uncle, we remember the values he lived every day - humility, generosity, integrity, thoughtful leadership, and an unwavering faith in people. These values will continue to guide our work and inspire our community.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all whose lives were enriched by his kindness and vision. We hope they find comfort in knowing that his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Thank you, Ramesh Uncle, for believing in people, for believing in organisations like ours, and for reminding us that the greatest and most enduring impact always begins with trust.

**Your legacy will continue to inspire us.
Ram Ram, Uncle! Antim Pranam!**

Shweta and the SRUTI Team