

# “Three Generations of Throaty Wit” – Picturesque Journey of 3 Generations of Ventriloquists.

**Prof Yeshwant Keshav Padhye (1<sup>st</sup> Generation) :** Y.K.Padhye was the pioneering Indian Ventriloquist who started Ventriloquism in India around 1920’s and 1930’s. He was a magician, but later started performing Ventriloquism.



Y.K.Padhye in his early days did magic & started performing Ventriloquism with two masks as he had no puppets (1930’s)



Y.K.Padhye performing with his puppet “Ardhavatrao” which he brought from England. Young Ramdas helps his father in his shows. (1966)



Legendary Marathi Writer Pu La Deshpande was also inquisitive about Ventriloquism and watches Y.K.Padhye at his home in Dadar,Mumbai.



Ventriloquism made it's foray into Bollywood as early as 1965, where Y.K.Padhye used the puppet with actor Rajendra Kumar in the film "Akeli Mat Jaiyo"

**Ramdas Yeshwant Padhye (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)** : Ramdas Padhye is an Indian Ventriloquist, Puppeteer and Puppet-maker. He has performed more than 9000 ventriloquism and puppet shows in India and abroad.



Ramdas Padhye performing his show at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay (1967).



Ramdas Padhye performing his First Television show. This is a historic moment when Indian Television revolutionized the Entertainment in India and gave Puppetry a new dimension(1968)



Ramdas Padhye meets Mrs. Indira Gandhi after his show in Delhi who encouraged Ramdas to take up this art and do it Professionally in India.(1969)



Ramdas Padhye meeting Pu La Deshpande in late 1970's



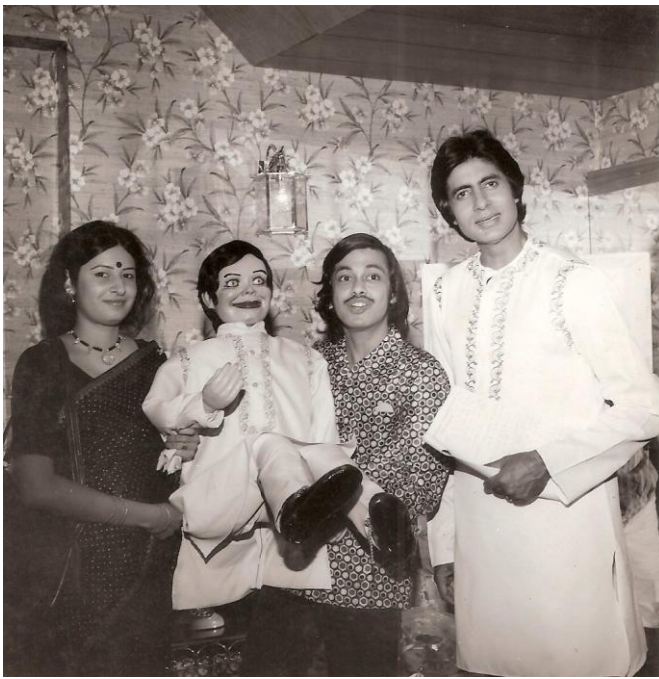
Ramdas with Lata Mangeshkar Mangeshkar in late 1970's



Ramdas meets Showman of Bollywood, Legendary Raj Kapoor after the show in late 1970's



Ramdas alongwith his brother CA Rajendra Padhye, who played a very important role in Ramdas's career and continues to help him in his shows.



Ramdas & wife Aparna working with Amitabh Bachchan for the film Mahan (1981)



Zeenat Aman & Amitabh with Ramdas (1981)



Ramdas Padhye & Aparna shoot with Asha Bhosale for a T.V.Show (1990)



Ramdas Padhye along with Laxmikant Berde and Director Mahesh Kothare during the shoot of one of the Marathi's biggest blockbuster "Zapatlela" (1993)



Unique photo of two legendary cartoonists' R.K.Laxman & Balasaheb Thackeray appreciating Ramdas Padhye's Puppet Creation.



Ramdas Padhye and his puppet hired as Brand Ambassador for Krackjack Biscuits (1990's)



Ramdas along with America's Leading Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham (1992)



Ramdas & Aparna with another American Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas (1992)



Goodnight Baby Dino, a puppet play written & directed by Bharat Dabholkar (1994)



Hats Off, a puppet play featuring different puppetry techniques (1998)



Ramdas Padhye resurrects the 150 Years Old Puppets of Indian Dramatist Vishnudas Bhave (2000)



Ramdas Padhye's book "Inner Voice" get published in U.S.A. (2002)



Ramdas Padhye designs the puppet of George W Bush (2002)



Priety Zinta during the shoot of Dil Hai Tumhara (2002)



Ramdas Padhye's Puppet Studio designs Celebrity Puppets for different Television Channels in India (2006)



Ramdas & son Satyajit shoot for Holland T.V Commercial (2007)



Ramdas Padhye's Mega Puppet Play "Fantazia Fantastique" featuring 100 Puppets releases. The Play is written & directed by Bharat Dabholkar with voices of Bollywood celebrities like Arshad Warsi, Juhi Chawla, Jackie Shroff, Javed Jaffrey. (2009)





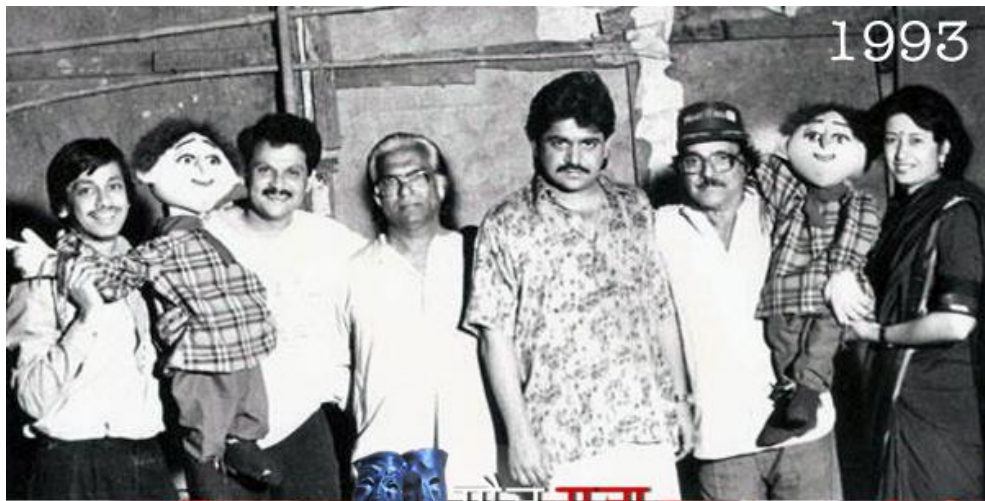
Ramdas Padhye trains Bollywood's Leading Actor Aamir Khan for Tata Sky AD. Aamir Khan is a big fan of Mr. Padhye and has seen his shows since he was a kid.



Ramdas Padhye along with wife Aparna & sons Satyajit & Parikshit who help him in his shows.



Representing INDIA at UNIMA World Puppetry Festival in China(2012)



During the shoot of Zapatlala -2(2012)

**Satyajit Ramdas Padhye(3<sup>rd</sup> Generation) :** Satyajit is a Chartered Accountant. But performs Ventriloquism & Puppetry.



Satyajit grew up with puppets and always use to keep this puppet in his room



Satyajit performs his first show at the age of 8



Satyajit performs in School



Satyajit started doing his Professional Shows when he was in R.A.Podar College.



Satyajit uses Puppetry medium in short film on AIDS Awareness



Satyajit with Shekhar Suman on The Shekhar Suman Show



Satyajit Padhye performs his show on Star One "Funjabi Chak De"



Satyajit performs in India's Got Talent on Colors



Satyajit trains Aamir for Tata Sky AD



CA Shekhar Kapur & CA Satyajit Padhye during shoot of India's Got Talent



On KBC with Amitabh Bachchan (2011)



During the shoot of Zapatlela – 2 (2012)