



Dreaming Big: My Journey to Connect India

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Portfolio/Penguin, New Delhi, 2015. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. 304pp. A young man from Titilagarh, Orissa, buoyed by nothing but dreams, boards a boat to America in 1964. There, in the land of opportunity, Satnarayan Gangaram Pitroda strikes gold in the burgeoning tech space to become the American millionaire Sam Pitroda. Armed with global patents and a vision supported by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, he vows to return home and fix India's telephone troubles. Sam Pitroda became synonymous with the bright-yellow PCO/STD booths that sprang up across the country, and was dynamo in the Congress machinery in the 1980s. But his world came crashing down when he was dealt one blow after the other?a heart attack, false corruption charges and the assassination of his dear friend Rajiv Gandhi. To make matters worse, he realized that he had run out of money. This is the astonishing and heart-warming story of how one man at the top hits rock bottom?only to rise again and make his fortune twice over.

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