

## ORAL HISTORY - H (INTERVIEWED BY T)

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Actually, I'm from India. Mostly my childhood was study, discipline, playing with brother and learning my religious activity. Because my mum is a teacher, that was very comfortable for me because I made so many friends, they're coming to my home usually. Mum's a very good teacher because she taught her way of life, how to tutor them, she taught me humanity. So, my mum she taught me everything, but she taught me study as well because she's a teacher. So that's why I'm very happy.

And when I'm young, I'm not thinking about what she wants to teach me. After marriage, then every word my mum said to me, every discipline, every word, then I understand, yeah. She taught me the right way, that's why I'm here. I understand what's the importance of study, what's the importance of behavior, what's the importance of humanity. So that's really nice, yeah.

Actually, my hobby is cooking and my mum's also. It's a daily routine cooking, so, I'm also mama with cooking. Mama mostly was making a pudding, carrot pudding, nuts pudding. Healthy, like protein... Laddu, the people call Laddu, she's making. And many delicious food making, like... My mum's family is vegetarian so making very vegetarian foods. Very unique and different fare. Broccoli, samosi.

I can't live without music. So, when I'm alone mostly I'm listening to music. I love... mostly I sing Bollywood music from my own country, and I can sing English songs as well, but I like Bollywood songs. I love sound as well because sound is the base of something moving to sad, happy, fear, scaring, horrible... Just this motion of creating sounds, dialect sounds, music and everything. And I love nature sounds. When I go... waterfall sounds, bird sounds, because it's

pure, no artificial things, it's very pure. So, this gives to mind freshness, mindfulness, so that's very happy.

I want to do... I think about taking first, any job, any volunteer... so I won't depend on my husband the whole time. I think my daughter, she wants anything I can do. Instead of thinking, he do. So that's why.

My country is very famous for agriculture. My dad's dad had a farmhouse, there's animals and some gardening and rice and wheat and so many plants. So yeah, I'm very happy just planting because I'm not thinking how to... I'm enjoying that time, I'm not thinking I'm wasting my time, what I am doing there. I want to say I'm very happy to my own country, because there its very comfortable, because I'm very used to the living style I'm very used to the social behavior, I'm very used to everything. But when I came here, I'm very happy in this country as well. There, women have not much freedom, and here they have freedom. Here women can say, women can do whatever they want to do, and that thing I like. And here I met so many people, and very good people that I met. So there's some really like... they're understanding me.

Love people, learn new things, you can do in this life whatever you want to do. Life doesn't give nine chances, so what will happen tomorrow you don't know. I tell my daughter, love to animals, love to birds, love to mountains, love to trees, love to people, love to purities. So that's why I'm teaching about these things.