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Thirongjunai

0 - 5 yrs.

= Fertilises in B'bay -  
Thirongyü gnyü wäyü gä.

= Born in Kottaram Seen  
Thirunalsai after 49 years  
Kozhikumpu reach  
17 - 4 - 1944 Once more  
in 2005

Thirongjunai

Not my father's place

But Periappa Thatha.  
Perianna

War time  
Story behind  
my birth  
my great  
grand father  
- died a  
few month  
before birth  
He was  
She was  
pregnant.

1st Sister - Dierg (Dion) First three  
That way

2nd Sister - Atity  
1941

3rd -> me

We were given  
Thirongjunai

She will go back after 6 months.  
So I was back B'bay.

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Jijony g' g' wain

The house I was born  
is now Udy

(Where I lived after 5 yrs still intact)

Bombay early childhood.

— Matunga chawls

Bhojimalhal.

— Vague memory of my mother

— ~~Her~~ Younger sister Jayashree  
born now in ~~USA~~ B'bay

Dec. 1946

Mother died 1947?

= ~~For~~ Remembrance parikh mid's

Sardariji running with full swords  
on the crane track Chodbundero  
Elder Sister & me watchip  
with fear.

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— Paati <sup>uncle</sup> Very little  
always lied up

— My Paanti & others used to say  
I always at the end of day  
ask my mother "whether she ate"

| Not to others Lila ~~Ata~~ <sup>Ata</sup> ~~Ata~~ <sup>Ata</sup> ~~Ata~~ <sup>Ata</sup>

to jealousy ~~of~~ others

Only after she said 'yes' I will  
go to sleep

Spoke  
very little  
till 3 yrs

— But no memory of mother's  
death (I was just 3 1/2 to 4)

— Memory of Mahatma Gandhi's  
death —

— Newspaper photo ~~to~~ <sup>still in</sup> memory

— "Raghupati Raghav.  
Vaisnava Janm"



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Shriyogya of Wam

- Shriyogya

- Shriyogya Shriyogya

- Shriyogya : Delivery

↳ Sister of Prabhakar Shriyogya

Shriyogya  
Shriyogya

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Shyamji

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Injonyjifwain

5-9 yrs

Kottaram

Papa & me | → despatcher to Village

From B'boy  
to unedekifur village

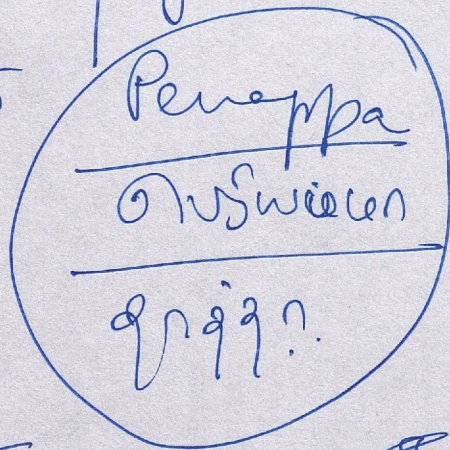
No memory of journey

No ~~memory~~ memory

All memories very good

of adjusted problems

with



Key Persons

Lot of details even now fresh

~~Norton Sir~~

~~St. St. English etc. ✓~~

~~'9999999999'~~

~~Sciences & Maths ✓~~

~~Elder Sister & me~~

~~very good in~~

~~studies. Mine average in Maths~~



ഭൂമി തണുപ്പ്

വേനൽക്കാലം

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Not always dry in sun

എല്ലാ ഭാഗത്തും (All around)

It is Summer for dry.

~~വേനൽക്കാലം~~

വേനൽക്കാലം മുതൽ വേനൽക്കാലം വരെ

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മുൻപുപോലെ → വേനൽക്കാലം മുതൽ വേനൽക്കാലം വരെ

Regular Daily	മുൻപുപോലെ	Sister Me.
4 yrs	Ramayana	Everyday
	Mahabharata	
	Chimay	

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Some Vedic hymns

Some broad meaning.

Stokas

Also by Periappa

Periappa → Asthma

Me → some cough & cold.

Bronchitis?

3000 songs of us.

~~Some~~ So many things about

life — Animal life

Bird life

Family fights.

വെളിച്ചം കേന്ദ്രം <sup>പുഴ</sup> കേന്ദ്രം <sup>പുഴ</sup> ~~കേന്ദ്രം~~ <sup>കേന്ദ്രം</sup> ~~കേന്ദ്രം~~

മനസ്സുകൊടുത്തുപോയിട്ട് എഴുതാം

കേന്ദ്രം എഴുതാനായി

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Anjanyag'namini

No political awareness.

But general concern for those who are weaker and poor.

→ ~~the~~ Family value

Once a Venkateswara ~~chanting~~ <sup>chanting</sup>

Kribe (కృపి)

↳ Calling Periapappa

\* || The whole series of 'occult'  
Jyotish predictions.

Very remarkable experience  
of astrological prediction

→ ~~was~~ for many persons  
in the village. Most came true  
except for my son's birth  
(Periapappa's death).



(13) Trigoonjividan

ഒരുപോലെ ദുഃഖിതർ ആയി.

Once or twice B' boy people  
visited Kottaram -

so proud of Ambulu & Jayashree

One relative came in Morris  
Minor to our house to  
see Thatha, Periapappa -

Status of our house high in  
(my?) mind

So many boys & girls around  
the car.

- Engineer Ramnarathan → so many  
things about Compost ch  
(generally considered crack)

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Thirumangaladi

Rich men

Swaminatha Iyer

சுவாமிநாதன் - his brother

சுவாமிநாதன் - son distant  
& relative (periappa)

Never ~~comes to~~ stays except  
for some visits

Five or six daughters

→ stayed in ~~Maharaja~~  
சுவாமிநாதன்

சுவாமிநாதன் Village  
Very few families of our  
family <sup>sub</sup> caste.

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Thiruvananthapuram

9-13<sup>Yrs</sup>

1953-1957

- Moved to Palayamkottai  
Family left everything - - Great sacrifice by Periyappa & Perumal  
- Unelectricified house

Rs. 20/-

ഭൂമി വാങ്ങി വാടക വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്

Side neighboring house

Unoccupied

Supposed to be

☞ Suicide case.

Side Rich person

owning many houses

but leprous.

Pray RR

→ Incebro Uthman  
(Son)

Great social service person

Very Young wife. ☞

Admissions ~~long~~ to St. Ignatius  
for sister (Lillian)  
& me long

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Jijoompignidris

~~It~~ Periappa forces his way

↳ Mother Superior White woman

↳ Then Papa taken for 7<sup>th</sup>

For me

↳ RR forces a test.

St Xavier tests

↳ fit for 8<sup>th</sup>

~~It~~ (Now I realise how  
great the village school has  
been)

~~It~~ Then I chose for 7<sup>th</sup> as Papa  
(Atika)  
was in 7<sup>th</sup>

St Xavier advised RR to place me

at Kristu Raja Vijayale →

then transfer to Xam as 8<sup>th</sup>  
Arhamanetes

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Jijomg of war

Birth date beam 10-4-43

given by RR to avoid  
of results  
stopping at SSLC.

Alas RR died - ~~soon~~ <sup>a few</sup> months later.

Many rumours  
~~sto.~~ Vomiting of Blood.

New opening of ~~to~~ my mind

Sivan koil.

No longer an Agraharam

One full street nearby Saurashtrians



weavers.

Different different people

so many →

~~Mar~~ Christians

Different Christians (I learnt  
from School.)

(20) *Trigonoffium*

Catholic  $\leftrightarrow$  Protestant *Teung*  
*Teung* *Teung*

- So fair *Teung*

Telugu Brahmin  $\rightarrow$  *Teung* *Teung*  
drinking water from *Teung*  
far away.

Brackish water pump  
at him.

குறையிலும் அதுபெறும்  
சொந்தபெயர் (சு) அந்; பெயர்  
மேலதிரும்பும் கருணைமையு  
கடவுள் உண்மையென்பது

Notes about early life of <sup>YSR</sup>Raya

— two folders  
different times

28/11/03

in ~~the~~ a village in Tamil Nadu

I was born <sup>on 17<sup>th</sup> April</sup> 1944 / a year

before the first two nuclear explosions took place. I was thus <sup>born</sup> at the

threshold of the nuclear era. Early

childhood upto about 5 years was in Bombay (now Mumbai). I still

remember the post-independence frenzy, killing etc and also

the death of Mahatma Gandhi, photographs

(in the newspapers, and the)

↳ Continuing songs of "Raghubar Raghava"

and "Varishnaya Janto". Due to demise <sup>(when I was around 3 1/2 years ~~at~~ old)</sup>

of my mother ~~of~~ my elder sister

and ~~at~~ myself were sent to our village

in 1949  
↳ where my (paternal) uncle and ~~uncle~~

(themselves issueless) and my <sup>nr</sup> grandfather

were <sup>living</sup> there. From the mighty electrified

Bombay to a small <sup>un-electrified</sup> village in Tamil Nadu!

We were soaked in tender love, ~~and~~ special care and affection (especially because we were "motherless" children) by ~~the~~ grandfather, uncle <sup>(Periappa)</sup> and aunt <sup>(Peramma)</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>(unrecognised)</sup> two teachers in <sup>the</sup> village ran <sup>an</sup> a school where we studied. <sup>Boys and girls studied in the same school</sup> The teaching

was so good and rigorous, <sup>that</sup> <sup>in the village</sup> after finishing 4 years of schooling when the family moved to <sup>in 1953</sup> a nearby town Palayamkottai, I could get admission <sup>in</sup> Seventh standard in St. Xavier's High School <sup>(instead of fifth)</sup> as it was

<sup>based on tests.</sup> To adjust <sup>for the</sup> <sup>age restrictions of</sup> the final Madras School <sup>leaving examination</sup> ~~test~~ my birth ~~date~~ year was changed to 1943! Again a <sup>at Palayamkottai</sup> uncle Chirifer rented house <sup>so</sup> all my reading was in ~~there~~ the light from the kerosene lamp.

Excellent knowledge of Tamil  
~~liter~~ language and literature,  
great love for ~~the~~ Tiruvalluvar  
~~(a great~~ and Subrahmanya Bharata  
etc was born there. As a boy a good  
base in English. I used to write  
poems in English & Tamil. All were  
lost when we ~~we~~ moved to Bombay.  
as none of us knew the value of them!  
later in 1957, Excellent knowledge of  
and love for Science, Mathematics  
during this period.  
and in fact all studies came ~~there~~.

In addition to the knowledge of India  
such as ~~Hind~~ Vedas, Puranas, Itihasas and  
value systems given by my grandfather,  
uncle and aunt, ~~I~~ learnt about  
Christianity (including the various  
sects like Catholic, Protestant  
~~and~~ <sup>etc</sup> Pentacostal) and Islam (a few boys  
were there). From an exclusive

- 4 - (Agrahara)

Brahmin village where I grew  
for four years, I was exposed to  
all castes. I had many friends from  
all communities. My knowledge of  
Mahakavi Subrahmanya Bharati's songs  
was of great help in developing  
a universal, humanist outlook -  
no barriers of caste or creed or  
religion.

// Come 1957 whole family of five  
moves to Bombay where my father,  
younger sister, <sup>and the</sup> Aunt (sister of father),  
(about 15 years elder to me)  
her husband and daughter were there.

In a technical sense the whole  
family united. ~~I joined~~ My sister  
and I joined a South Indian Education  
Society School for 11<sup>th</sup> standard which will end

with school leaving examination (SSCE)  
administered for ~~Dr~~ the whole  
of the Bombay State from Poona (now Pune)

A complete switch over to English  
medium from Tamil medium <sup>in which</sup> we studied  
all subjects except English! From  
a very rudimentary optional Hindi  
learning a switch over to high  
standard of Hindi as compulsory  
language! Thank God this school  
had a Tamil course; otherwise we  
would have to take up Sanskrit or  
Marathi etc in which we had  
no knowledge. Thanks to the good  
earlier teaching ~~and~~ <sup>by our</sup> teachers,  
both of us came out very well.  
I wrote ~~an~~ an Essay on

Bharati organism by Bombay  
Tamil Sengane and got the  
first prize. Afterwards I never  
participated in such competitions!  
When I was in the SSEE, (i.e.  
~~of~~ eleventh standard, I was  
short (I was only 13 turning  
on fourteen) about 4 ft 10 in.  
Most boys and girls (~~who~~ <sup>possible</sup> ~~was~~ ~~there~~  
~~for the first time~~ were taller and  
heavier than me. I was appreciated  
for my talents and I mixed with  
most of them. Boys - Girls segregation  
even in the same class was <sup>however</sup> prevalent!  
~~Competition for~~ the first two positions was  
mostly shared between me and a girl.  
(I used to get knocked down to two mostly  
by Hindi and social studies!)

"That school year <sup>of mine 1957</sup> was a great milestone in human history. October 1957, Soviet Union put an ~~man~~ artifi artificial satellite, Sputnik (in Russian) in Space. Since I was ~~king~~ <sup>king</sup> in the class at the class function I ~~was~~ <sup>was once</sup> given a ~~complete~~ <sup>joking</sup> ~~about~~ me:

"Russian put Sputnik in Space  
Who put this Sputnik in an class?"

It was good fun. I never realised that my entire career of over two decades in <sup>[The Indian]</sup> Space programme was only seven years away!

My college years was in Bombay University in one of the colleges: D. G. Ruparel College. Matunga Road.

// During the one year in Bombay  
I had already picked up a lot  
of spoken Marathi and Hindi (Bombay type)  
from the sons of Mali ~~is~~ who  
stay ~~stay~~ stayed near the house  
I we stayed in Goregaon. Partly because  
of the Bhenati effect, <sup>later of</sup> Vivekananda & Nehru  
~~about~~ (their literature I studied at Bombay).

In fact I became a voracious  
reader of so many books in English  
almost any topic from 1957 thanks to  
excellent collection made by  
aunt's husband, (Attimber in Tamil,  
Mr. N. S. Iyer) and other Western  
literature, I had completely abandoned  
the social differentiation - poor,  
rich, well placed <sup>In mind and action,</sup> ek. I was equal  
with every body. //

D. G. Ruparel College (1958-64)  
had many students coming from

Marathi medium schools. I was not ill at ease with them, though students from English medium schools used to tease them. During the first year of college, Science stream, I was only fourteen ~~month~~ on fifteenth. I was still 4 ft 11 in. <sup>in college,</sup>

It is during the second year <sup>that</sup> is Inter-Science, I almost shot up to my current height about 5 ft 7 in in a matter of few months. It is during that period I was afflicted with Asthma. In college I it was all ~~study~~ <sup>study -</sup> study plus some limited cricket (tennis ball bat) with Malis' boys <sup>at Goregaon,</sup> then playing with pet cat and extra curricular reading. Also cope up with almost monthly

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~~My~~ Asthmatic attacks.  
~~This~~ This period (1957-64)  
It was in many ways one of  
the most difficult period of  
my life - many challenges, conflicts,  
and a great accumulation of  
large amount of ~~learning~~ information  
in almost any fields of work  
because of my voracious reading etc.  
Happy and painful human interactions and memories.  
In the hindsight of <sup>when</sup> I look at it now  
~~it has~~ that period gave me  
the grit, determination, strength  
to face life, independence in thinking,  
~~and a~~ ~~deep~~ a deep commitment  
to universal outlook and humanism,  
as well as a rational approach to  
life. ~~So~~ I was at ease with ~~the~~ the  
thoughts of Nehru, Vivekananda, Aurobindo,  
(and of course Bharati, Tiruvalluvar), Buddha,

~~Sriwani Sivarama~~ <sup>Sriwani Chinnayana</sup> (11)

L many Western philosophers, ~~and~~  
~~Marxist introduction was~~ Introduction  
to Marxism (and the ~~was~~ Marxist  
~~text~~ writings of all hues Marx,  
Engels, ~~Mao~~ Lenin, <sup>[Stalin, Trotsky]</sup> L Mao, M.N. Roy, Indian  
Communists, Che Guevara,  
etc) was when I was in Ahmedabad.  
[During 1964-1969.]  
L There was an excellent library  
run by the Municipality.

Thus during the age of 14 to  
25, I heard the "heady" concoction  
of ~~for~~ so many inputs including  
Babu Rao Patel's film India & later  
Mother India (for whom my uncle  
N. S. Iyer worked for.).

During my 1957-1964  
stay in Bombay, I have seen

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The impact of many political movements. George Fernandes's grip over "strikes"; Prof. Madhu Dandavate, our  $\&$  Quantum Physics Professor at Siddhant College — who never missed teaches despite his PSP party problems —, Mrinal Gore (Paniwali Bai at Goregaon with ~~white~~ white saree and blue border like a pretty college school girl!), Krishna Menon ~~trying~~ fighting against aged Acharya Kriplani in Goregaon, etc. Also I have seen the ugly face of the rise of Shir Sena

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attacking South Indians in Matunga,  
Chambur etc. ~~I was ex'~~ I had  
the beauty of experiencing the  
Parsi life thanks to my friend  
~~Rev~~ Pervez Billimoria, who  
lived in Parsi Colony Dadar.

Railway strike in Bombay, ~~unhappily~~

Not to mention K. A. Abbas

through his columns in last  
page in Blitz. Mother India

the only movie probably I saw  
in Bombay, barring one or  
two Marathi movies I saw  
in Goregaon.